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Clarence Millar, 115 Lincoln Ave., Belle- vue, Pittsburgh, Pa.....	P.	P.	A.	A.	A.	P.	P.	P.

South Carolina**MINISTERS**

Irvin Fry	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.
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LAYMEN

B. O. Watts.....	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.
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Tennessee**MINISTERS**

C. I. Kelley, Unionville, Tenn.....	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	A.
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W. E. Thompson, Unionville, Tenn.....	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	A.
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C. L. Whitaker, Mebane, N. C.....	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
G. R. Brown, High Point, N. C.....	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
J. D. Williams, Reidsville, N. C.....	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	A.
T. M. Johnson, Mebane, N. C.....	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
C. W. Bates, Henderson, N. C.....	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
C. E. Forlines, Westminster, Md.....	P.	P.	P.	P.	A.	P.	P.	P.
L. W. Gerringer, 165 Hillside St., Asheville, N. C.....	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
N. G. Bethea, Brinkleyville, N. C.....	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	A.
R. C. Stubbins, R. F. D., Mebane, N. C.....	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	A.

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V. W. Idol, High Point, N. C.....	A.	A.	P.	P.	A.	A.	A.	A.
A. M. Rankin, High Point, N. C.....	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
J. N. Wills, Greensboro, N. C.....	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
J. M. Stone, Greensboro, N. C.....	A.	P.	P.	A.	P.	P.	A.	A.
C. F. Finch, Thomasville, N. C.....	A.	A.	P.	P.	A.	P.	A.	A.
H. A. Garrett, High Point, N. C.....	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
L. L. Wrenn, Siler City, N. C.....	A.	A.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	A.
W. R. Goley, Siler City, N. C.....	P.	A.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	A.
R. F. Williams, Burlington, N. C.....	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
S. S. Coe, High Point, N. C.....	A.	A.	P.	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.
J. M. Cutchin, Whitakers, N. C.....	P.	P.	P.	P.	A.	P.	A.	A.
J. M. Millikan, Greensboro, N. C.....	P.	A.	A.	A.	P.	P.	P.	P.
J. H. Allen, Reidsville, N. C.....	P.	P.	P.	P.	A.	A.	A.	A.

North Mississippi

MINISTERS

A. J. Richardson.....	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.
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John W. Green.....	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.
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Ohio

MINISTERS

J. C. Williams, 195 E. Lane Ave., Columbus, Ohio	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
S. W. Rosenberger, 321 E. Maynard Ave., Columbus, Ohio	A.	P.	A.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
D. C. Coburn, Mulberry St., Mt. Vernon, O.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
R. I. Farmer, Steubenville, Ohio.....	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
G. H. Miller, 613 W. Diamond, St., N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.	P.	P.	A.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
R. E. Games, 1002 Main St., Wellsville, O.	P.	P.	P.	A.	A.	P.	P.	A.
G. G. Shurtz, Jefferson St., Tiffin, Ohio....	P.	P.	P.	P.	A.	P.	P.	P.
D. L. Custis, West Lafayette, Ohio.....	P.	P.	P.	P.	A.	P.	P.	P.
Charles H. Beck, 613 W. Diamond St., N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.....	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
F. L. Brown, Zanesville, Ohio.....	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
C. S. Johnson, St. Joe, Ind.....	P.	A.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.

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C. J. McConnell, Steubenville, Ohio.....	P.	P.	A.	P.	P.	A.	P.	P.
J. F. Cappel, Uhrichsville, Ohio.....	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
A. N. Fell, Mingo Junction, Ohio.....	P.	A.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
E. D. Miller, 257 Chittendon, Columbus, O.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
W. M. Burk, Forest, Ohio.....	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.

RULES OF ORDER

1. The Conference shall be opened at the appointed hour with religious services, under the direction of the President, or in his absence, under that of the Secretary.

2. After the religious exercises of each session the roll shall be called by the Secretary, and the minutes of the previous session read and approved.

3. When a member desires to present any business, or to speak to any question, he shall arise and address the Chair, as "Mr. President," and then pause until he is recognized by the Chair, as follows: "The representative from" The President in putting a question shall do it standing.

4. Any motion made and seconded, except a motion to adjourn, to lay on the table, a call for the previous question, for the yeas and nays, and for a division of the house, shall be handed to the Chair when required by the Secretary, signed by the mover and second, and be read by the Secretary before any debate is had thereon.

5. No interruption shall be suffered while a member is on the floor, but by a call to order by the Chair or some other member of the Conference. In such cases, the member making the call shall state the ground on which he makes it, and the member supposed to be out of order shall have an opportunity to explain. All questions of order shall be decided by the President, agreeably to the rules of the Conference; provided, however, that any member may, by obtaining a second, appeal to the Conference from the decision of the Chair; but the question thereon shall be taken without debate, after the member has stated his ground of appeal and after the President has stated his reason for the decision.

6. No member shall speak more than once on the same question, nor longer than ten minutes, without special leave from the Conference, and he shall confine himself strictly to the subject under discussion, provided, however, that the chairman of a committee and the member presenting an original paper shall be entitled to make a second speech.

7. All motions or resolutions shall, at the request of any member, be divided when the sense will admit of such division.

8. If two or more members rise to speak at the same time, it shall be determined by the President which of them is entitled to the floor.

9. The appointment of all committees shall be by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.

10. The number of which any committee shall be composed shall be determined by the Conference, the questions being taken on the highest number first, and so on until the Conference shall determine the number.

11. Upon a call for the previous question, if made by five members and sustained by two-thirds of those voting, the question shall be put without debate. But it shall not be in order for a speaker to move the previous question at the close of his own speech.

12. When a question is under debate no motion shall be entertained but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to commit, amend or postpone, which several motions have precedence in the order they stand arranged, and the first two shall be taken without debate, and a motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

13. Every member within the bar shall vote on all questions submitted to the action of the Conference, unless excused for sufficient reason.

Texas**MINISTERS**

	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.
J. S. Hunter, Greenville, Texas.....	A.	A.	P.	P.	P.	P.	A.	A.
W. A. Sanders, Corsicana, Texas.....	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.
J. A. Phipps, Wortham, Texas.....	P.	A.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.

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Charles Naylor, Cooper, Texas.....	A.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	A.	A.
J. T. Black, Tehuacana, Texas.....	P.	A.	P.	P.	P.	P.	A.	A.
T. J. York, Corsicana, Texas.....	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.

Virginia**MINISTERS**

C. K. Coffey.....	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.
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N. S. Bond.....	A.	P.	P.	A.	A.	A.	A.	A.
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Washington Mission**West Virginia****MINISTERS**

Josiah Payne, Spencer, W. Va.....	P.	A.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
B. M. Mitchell, Weston, W. Va.....	P.	A.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
L. E. Oldaker, Buckhannon, W. Va.....	P.	A.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
L. E. Bee, Shinnston, W. Va.....	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
C. C. Lawson, Clarksburg, W. Va.....	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
J. H. Mossburg, Morgantown, W. Va.....	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
Perry E. Grimm, 7 E. Boyd St., Grafton, W. Va.	P.	P.	P.	A.	A.	P.	P.	A.
J. A. Selby, Parkersburg, W. Va.....	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	A.
J. P. Turkelson, 905 Lynn St., Parkers- burg, W. Va.....	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
J. J. Phillips, Fairmont, W. Va.....	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.

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Wilbur Young, Parsons, W. Va.....	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
J. A. Pugh, Grafton, W. Va.....	P.	A.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
J. B. Westfall, Harrisville, W. Va.....	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	A.	A.	A.
C. A. Short, Clarksburg, W. Va.....	A.	P.	P.	P.	A.	P.	A.	A.
M. L. Shields, Rosemont, W. Va.....	A.	A.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
J. A. High.....	A.	A.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
M. L. Abbott, Grafton, W. Va.....	A.	A.	P.	P.	P.	A.	A.	A.
Geo. C. Fleming.....	P.	A.	P.	P.	A.	A.	A.	A.
C. A. Sheets, Clarksburg, W. Va.....	A.	A.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	A.

MINUTES

Wednesday, May 21, 1924.

Morning Session

The General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened in First Church, in the city of Tiffin, Ohio, on Wednesday, May 21, 1924, at ten o'clock.

The conference was called to order by the President, Thomas Hamilton Lewis. Hymn No. 408 was sung by the conference, and prayer was offered by President Lewis. The Responsive Scripture was led by Lyman E. Davis of Pittsburgh, after which he offered prayer. The conference then joined in singing Hymn No. 300, after which Charles S. Heininger of Kalgan, China, offered prayer.

The Roll was called by the Secretary, one hundred fifty-five members answering to their names.

President Lewis announced the appointment of the following persons to constitute a Committee on Credentials:

CHARLES H. BECK, Chairman, Ohio.

C. W. BATES, North Carolina.

A. L. COOK, Kansas.

J. H. HEARNE, Arkansas.

The President announced that the Report of the Executive Committee was included in the Quadrennial Report of the General Boards which had been printed and would be distributed to the conference at a later session.

The bar of the conference was fixed to include the main floor in the auditorium.

By motion the rules of order covering the last session of the General Conference were adopted as the rules of order of this session.

The following was announced as a suggested program for this session of the conference:

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

TWENTY-FOURTH QUADRENNIAL SESSION HELD AT
TIFFIN, OHIO, MAY 21, 1924.

Opening Session, Wednesday.

10.00 A. M. Opening Religious Exercises conducted by President Lewis.

Preliminary Exercises of Organization.

Quadrennial Report of the Executive Committee.

11.00 A. M. Sermon by Rev. E. S. Hawkins, Representative from the Pittsburgh Conference, and Pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church at Uniontown, Pa.

The Lord's Supper:

Rev. F. C. Klein, D. D., Rev. C. H. Beck, D. D.,

Rev. G. H. Miller, D. D., Rev. C. S. Johnson, D. D.,

Rev. E. A. Sexsmith.

1.30 P. M. Quadrennial Report of the President of the General Conference.

Election of Officers of the General Conference.

Sessions of the Conference will be held daily beginning in the morning at 9.00 and in the afternoon at 1.30.

14. No personalities shall be allowed in debate, nor improper reflection upon any religious denomination.

15. All reports of committees, when read by their respective chairmen, shall be regarded as the property of the Conference, and subject to its action.

16. Any motion to reconsider shall be made by some member who voted with the majority, and shall require a majority of the members present to sustain it; nor shall a motion to reconsider be entertained, if made later than the second day after the original action is had, except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

17. Any member shall have the right to call for the reading of any subject under consideration. No member shall be allowed to explain remarks made in a previous speech, except in regular debate, unless a member requests it; but any member so called upon to explain shall have the right to decline any explanation.

18. The President shall administer the rules rigidly and impartially. He shall promptly suppress unseemly demonstrations, such as stamping, clapping of hands and conversation, or other behavior which obstructs the business of the Conference.

19. Persons not members having business with the Conference shall present their business to the appropriate committees, who may, in their discretion, recommend that the persons applying be heard by the Conference, or the committee itself may bring the business, if deemed of sufficient importance, to the notice of the Conference.

20. No one shall be constituted an honorary member; but persons duly presented to the President by the Committee on Fraternal Relations shall be presented to the Conference at the convenience of the President, and may be invited to a seat within the bar, and, by vote, may be permitted to address the Conference on any specified subject.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to order.
2. Devotional service.
3. Roll call.
4. Reading minutes.
5. Presentation and reference of papers.
6. Unfinished business.
7. Roll call of Committees for reports.
8. Incidental business.
9. Committee announcements.

partial report of this Committee was adopted, and the Committee continued.

The Chairman announced that nominations were in order for President for the General Conference.

T. C. Casaday of Alabama, placed the name of Thomas Hamilton Lewis in nomination. The nomination was seconded by C. S. Kidd of Eastern, S. W. Taylor of North Carolina, N. S. Williamson of Mississippi, Stephen B. Williams of Louisiana, G. I. Humphreys of Maryland, J. P. Morgan of Alabama, and J. P. Turkelson of West Virginia.

Ely D. Miller of Ohio placed G. W. Haddaway of Maryland in nomination for President.

J. C. Broomfield of Pittsburgh was placed in nomination for President by C. L. Daugherty of Pittsburgh. This nomination was seconded by F. E. Kunsman of Michigan, Harry Shaw of Pittsburgh, A. J. Allen of Pittsburgh, B. M. Mitchell of West Virginia.

George R. Brown of North Carolina moved that nominating speeches be limited hereafter to two minutes. By motion nominations were closed. The following were appointed tellers: A. N. Ward, Fred Adkins, C. S. Kidd, N. S. Williamson.

The ballots were cast, and the result declared as follows:

Total number of votes cast.....	159
Necessary to a choice.....	80

G. W. Haddaway received 13 votes

J. C. Broomfield received....52 votes

T. H. Lewis received.....94 votes

T. H. Lewis, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected President for the ensuing quadrennium. On motion of G. W. Haddaway, seconded by J. C. Broomfield, the election of T. H. Lewis was made unanimous. The Chairman appointed G. W. Haddaway and J. C. Broomfield to escort the newly elected President to the chair.

President Lewis then expressed his appreciation of this expression of confidence and assured the conference of his purpose to render the best possible service to the church.

The President announced that nominations for Secretary were in order.

Charles H. Beck of Ohio was nominated by Fred C. Klein of Maryland. This nomination was seconded by J. P. Turkelson of West Virginia, D. C. Coburn of Ohio, G. O. McMillan of Fort Smith, E. J. Headley of Pittsburgh, Bert Reed of Michigan, J. C. Broomfield of Pittsburgh.

C. W. Bates was placed in nomination by J. H. Straughn of Maryland. This nomination was seconded by Josiah Payne of West Virginia, C. L. Whitaker of North Carolina, Geo. R. Brown of North Carolina.

Nominations for Secretary were closed by motion.

The Secretary was directed to call the roll by conferences.

The ballots were cast and the result declared as follows:

Total number of ballots cast.....	157
Necessary to a choice.....	79

C. W. Bates received.....68 votes

Charles H. Beck received....89 votes

Charles H. Beck, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected Secretary of the General Conference for the ensuing quadrennium. On motion offered by C. W. Bates of North Carolina the election of Charles H. Beck was made unanimous.

By motion the election of the Treasurer was deferred.

There will be a series of hearings of the General Boards beginning at 11.00 A. M. on Thursday and continuing during the afternoons of Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

There will be a series of evening sessions at 7.30 at which special sermons and addresses will be delivered, on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Monday and Tuesday.

To all these meetings the public is cordially invited.

General Conference Hearings

Thursday	11.00 A. M.	The Board of Publication.
	2.00 P. M.	The Board of Foreign Missions.
	3.00 P. M.	The Women's Foreign Missionary Society.
Friday	2.00 P. M.	The Board of Home Missions.
	3.00 P. M.	The Woman's Home Missionary Society.
Saturday	11.00 A. M.	The Board of Education.
Wednesday	7.30 P. M.	Reception to the General Conference by the Methodist Protestant Church of Tiffin, Ohio. Address by Honorable C. T. Marshall, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio.
Thursday	7.30 P. M.	Addresses of Fraternal Representatives: The Methodist Episcopal Church. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The Church of the United Brethren.
Friday	7.30 P. M.	Sermon by Rev. W. S. Plumer Bryan, D. D., Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Chicago, Ill.
Monday	7.30 P. M.	Address by Rev. W. L. Stidger, Pastor of St. Mark's Methodist Episcopal Church, Detroit, Mich.
Tuesday	7.30 P. M.	Address by Mr. Kirby Page, one of the General Secretaries of the Y. M. C. A. of New York City. Subject: "What can we do about the present world situation."

The program as outlined above was approved by motion.

By motion the Secretary was directed to secure necessary stenographic help.

The conference united in singing Hymn No. 198.

The hour of the day having arrived, the conference sermon was delivered by E. S. Hawkins of Pittsburgh. Col. 1:18, "Christ Pre-eminent."

After the sermon the conference communion service was conducted by the General Secretaries.

By motion J. W. Hawley, pastor of the First Methodist Protestant Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., was elected conference chorister.

By motion conference took recess for lunch.

Afternoon Session.

Conference re-assembled for business at 1.30. A hymn was sung and prayer offered by S. W. Taylor of North Carolina.

President Lewis then offered his Quadrennial Report. President Lewis offered five overtures for the consideration of the General Conference.

The conference ordered the appointment of a Standing Committee on the Report of the President and the Report of the Executive Committee of the General Conference.

F. T. Little of Maryland was called to the Chair and conference proceeded to the election of officers.

The election was held in abeyance pending a consideration of a partial report submitted by the Committee on Credentials. The

the President be authorized and directed to appoint a representative of the Methodist Protestant Church to serve on the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society and to report to the next General Conference.

(Signed) J. M. SHERIDAN,
G. W. HADDAWAY,
FRANK T. BENSON.

The President announced the Committees on the State of the Church, and on the Executive Committee and President's reports, and stated that the complete list of committees would be announced at the afternoon session.

J. H. Straughn of Maryland presented an Outline for Denominational Reorganization of the Administrative Forces of the Church. The paper was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church, filed with the Secretary, and ordered to be multigraphed or printed. It was stated that other papers dealing with similar subjects were to be presented. By motion it was ordered that all papers proposing mergers or consolidations shall be placed in the hands of the Committee on the State of the Church, and that all such papers as are to be printed must be in the hands of the said committee previous to noon tomorrow.

A resolution concerning Law Enforcement in connection with the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead Act was introduced by A. N. Ward, H. L. Elderdice and W. O. Atwood, all of Maryland. This resolution was referred to the Committee on Social Service.

The hour of the day for eleven o'clock was a presentation of the work of the Board of Publication. G. W. Haddaway of Maryland, Secretary of the Board of Publication, and President of the Baltimore Directory, had been selected as Chairman. The first address was given by Charles Reiner, Jr., the Publishing Agent at Baltimore. The next address was given by Frank T. Benson of Maryland, Editor of the Methodist Protestant. It was announced that Lyman E. Davis of Pittsburgh would introduce the speakers representing the Pittsburgh Directory. Prof. A. M. Lyons was introduced as the first speaker. L. H. Neiplin, Publishing Agent at Pittsburgh, then addressed the conference.

Time was extended ten minutes by motion to allow the Board to complete its program. Short addresses were given by R. I. Farmer of Ohio, E. S. Hawkins and A. J. Allen of Pittsburgh, and J. C. Williams of Ohio. Dr. Wilbur made very brief closing remarks.

By motion a check in the amount of \$1,423.00 presented to the General Conference from the profits of the Baltimore Book Concern was ordered to be turned over to the General Fund for Superannuates of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Conference took recess by motion.

Afternoon Session.

Conference re-assembled at 1.30.

The President read the following list of conference committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. CREDENTIALS—

Ministers: Beck of Ohio, Bates of North Carolina.

Laymen: Cook of Kansas, Hearne of Arkansas.

2. PUBLISHING INTERESTS—

Ministers: Williams of Ohio, Headley of Pittsburgh, Lineberry of Indiana, Sheridan of Maryland.

Laymen: Rogers of Alabama, Shaw of Pittsburgh, Walker of Ohio, Smith of Maryland.

Conference adjourned by motion, with benediction by C. R. Green of Iowa.

NOTE BY THE SECRETARY.—At 7.30 the local congregation gave a very delightful reception to the General Conference.

An address was delivered by the Hon. C. P. Marshall, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio, which was greatly appreciated by all in attendance.

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 1924.

Morning Session.

Conference convened at nine o'clock. The roll was called and one hundred sixteen members responded to their name.

Dr. Lewis requested that the first named in each delegation inform the Secretary as to any members who were not expected to be present at this session of conference.

E. M. Christley of Ohio, a member of the Tiffin congregation, was appointed Conference Postmaster by President Lewis, and J. C. Williams of Ohio was directed to inform Mr. Christley of his appointment.

The President announced that M. H. Jarvis of Virginia and F. L. Shows of Louisiana were present at the conference, but were not members of this body. He also noted that there were vacancies in both of these delegations and suggested to the Conference that these men be granted Honorary Relation to the conference, with privileges of the floor, and of representing their respective conferences before any Committee. Rev. T. R. Woodford of Maryland was also given this honorary membership and requested to represent the Kentucky Conference.

H. L. Elderdice of Maryland conducted devotional service.

President Lewis announced that F. W. Lineberry of Indiana will conduct devotional service tomorrow.

The Minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved.

It was announced by President Lewis that the bound reports of the General Boards were ready for distribution.

On motion of J. C. Broomfield of Pittsburgh, seconded by E. C. Makosky of Maryland, it was ordered that in case the type is still set for this report it should be included in full in the Journal of the General Conference.

Rev. C. L. Goodell, D. D., Secretary of the Commission on Evangelism, Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, was introduced to the conference by President Lewis. President Lewis announced that Dr. Goodell would be one of the speakers at the evening session.

Frank H. Mann, General Secretary of the American Bible Society, was introduced to the conference and given five minutes to present the Bible Society work.

The following resolution was offered by J. M. Sheridan of Maryland, and referred to the Finance Committee:

"Whereas the American Bible Society serves the Methodist Protestant Church at home and abroad in the translation publication, and distribution of the Holy Scriptures, and

Whereas the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in 1920 recognized this service and placed the American Bible Society in the Budget for 1%.

Resolved, that the General Conference directs that the American Bible Society be continued in the Budget by name as an official benevolence for 1% of the gross budget, and that the third Sunday before Christmas each year be observed as Bible Sunday, and that

14. FRATERNAL RELATIONS—

Ministers: Allen of Pittsburgh, Grimm of West Virginia, Games of Ohio, Mossburg of West Virginia.

Laymen: Coe of North Carolina, Fisher of Maryland, Conaway of Pittsburgh.

15. SOCIAL SERVICE—

Ministers: Kunsman of Michigan, Gill of Maryland, Pritchard of North Carolina, Bee of West Virginia.

Laymen: Mills of Alabama, Scott of Maryland, Palmer of Eastern.

16. INTERDENOMINATIONAL CO-OPERATION—

Ministers: Selby of West Virginia, Warner of Maryland, Casaday of Alabama, Miss Larsen of Illinois.

Laymen—Craft of Eastern, Ball of Maryland, Cappell of Ohio.

17. ON REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT, AND OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—

Ministers: Dixon of North Carolina, Phillips of West Virginia, Farmer of Ohio, Hemingway of Michigan.

Laymen: Williams of North Carolina, Murray of Maryland, Moore of Georgia.

18. STATE OF THE CHURCH—

Ministers: Humphreys of Maryland, Rosenberger of Ohio, Clower of Arkansas, Smith of Missouri,

Laymen: Atwood of Maryland, Leonard of Pittsburgh, Abbott of West Virginia.

19. PULPIT SUPPLY—

Ministers: Shurtz of Ohio, Williams of North Carolina, Lambertson of Pittsburgh.

The Report of the Forward Movement was presented by President Lewis and passed to the Committee on the State of the Church without reading. C. S. Johnson, Secretary of the Forward Movement Committee, was directed to pass his report to the same committee.

A communication from the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America was referred to the Committee on Interdenominational Co-operation.

A communication from the Japan Mission Conference was referred to the Committee on Boundaries with the request to pass the communication to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

A paper presented by F. C. Klein, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

A paper presented by C. S. Johnson of Ohio was referred to the Committee on Revision.

J. S. Eddins of Alabama presented a paper proposing the merger of the Alabama and the Florida Conferences, which was referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

It was announced by President Lewis that the Board of Managers of the General Fund for Superannuates shall have a hearing on Saturday afternoon at three o'clock.

J. C. Williams of Ohio presented a paper which was referred to the Committee on Revision. He presented a second paper which was referred to the Committee on Interdenominational Co-operation.

The hour of the day having arrived Fred C. Klein, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, was called to the chair by President Lewis, and the hearing planned for the Board of Foreign Missions was given over into his charge.

The first speaker introduced by Secretary Klein was C. S. Heininger of Kalgan, China. Brother Heininger gave a very fine description of the work and needs in that important mission field.

3. FOREIGN MISSIONS—

Ministers: Coburn of Ohio, Mouser of Louisiana, Brown of North Carolina, Nutt of Iowa-Missouri.

Laymen: Mrs. Beck of Illinois, Sheppard of Maryland, Young of West Virginia.

4. HOME MISSIONS—

Ministers: Andrews of North Carolina, Wooten of Indiana, Oldaker of West Virginia, Brooks of Kansas.

Laymen: Adkins of Maryland, Vincent of Michigan, Idol of North Carolina.

5. EDUCATION—

Ministers: Broomfield of Pittsburgh, Day of Eastern, Brown of Ohio, Nowlin of Maryland.

Laymen: Wills of North Carolina, McConnell of Ohio, Thompson of Tennessee.

6. YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK—

Ministers: Kidd of Eastern, McMillan of Fort Smith, Eddins of Alabama, Smith of Maryland.

Laymen: Rhodes of Pittsburgh, Williams of Indiana, Pugh of West Virginia.

7. SUPERANNUATES—

Ministers: Howe of Indiana, Haddaway of Maryland, Hunter of Texas, Payne of West Virginia.

Laymen: Watts of Maryland, Finch of North Carolina, Krapps of Ohio, Connor of Alabama.

8. JUDICIARY—

Ministers: Little of Maryland, Forlines of North Carolina, Phipps of Texas, Makosky of Maryland.

Laymen: Miller of Ohio, Nolan of Alabama, Howe of Missouri.

9. REVISION—

Ministers: Whitaker of North Carolina, Shipley of Maryland, Gerringer of North Carolina, Mitchell of West Virginia.

Laymen: Fell of Ohio, Rutter of Pittsburgh, High of West Virginia.

10. BOUNDARIES—

Ministers: Morgan of Alabama, Anderson of Georgia, Reed of Onondaga, Kelly of Tennessee.

Laymen: Nicely of Indiana, Rankin of North Carolina, Westfall of West Virginia.

11. STATISTICS AND JOURNALS—

Ministers: Johnson of Ohio, Farrow of Indiana, Richardson of Colorado-Texas, Sharp of Mississippi.

Laymen—Ward of Iowa-Missouri, Bond of Virginia, Goley of North Carolina.

12. AUDIT—

Ministers: Turkelson of West Virginia, Jones of Eastern, Bethea of North Carolina, Green of Iowa-Missouri.

Laymen: Jones of Ohio, Wood of Indiana, Naylor of Texas.

13. FINANCE—

Ministers: Straughn of Maryland, Taylor of North Carolina, Wade of Arkansas, Custis of Ohio.

Laymen: Ryan of Indiana, Williamson of Mississippi, Baker of Maryland.

BOARD OF BISHOPS, THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

May 22, 1924.

To the President and Members of the General Conference
of the Methodist Protestant Church, Tiffin, Ohio.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Pursuant to the instructions of the General Conference held in Des Moines, Iowa, in May 1920, the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church have designated the Reverend Bishop William F. Anderson, Doctor of Divinity, Doctor of Laws, to bear our fraternal greetings to your honorable body.

Bishop Anderson has occupied commanding pulpits in his pastoral service of the church; for four years occupied the secretaryship of our Board of Education; and since nineteen hundred eight has held his place of leadership as a General Superintendent. He has been for four years a member of our Commission on Unification and as such has made a valuable contribution to the plan which seems likely, in the near future, to bring together the communions so long separated, the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Bishop Anderson is therefore especially qualified to bring to you our message of interest and affection in what seems to us an hour of peculiar significance and promise. His word will be that of a forward looking messenger from a forward looking church.

We are praying that the visit of our brother to you may mean such an inspiration to your faith, such a strengthening of all the cords of mutual love as we have felt in the coming of your great messengers to us, and we are anticipating that day of closer and still closer union when all the branches of our common Methodism, energized by the consciousness of a new solidarity, shall offer to Christ and the world that measure of devotion which our Master claims and for which the world yet waits.

By order and in behalf of the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

(Signed) LUTHER B. WILSON, Secretary.

Bishop Anderson then addressed the conference. President Lewis expressed the appreciation of the Conference for the splendid address given by Bishop Anderson. A motion was passed requesting the address of Bishop Anderson for publication.

An invitation was extended to the conference by J. H. Straughn, Chairman of the Maryland Delegation, to hold the session of 1928 in St. John's Church, Baltimore. This invitation was in the name of the Baltimore Preachers' Meeting and was supported by the congregation of the St. John's Church. It was also stated that the Maryland Conference concurred in the invitation. It was moved by A. G. Dixon of North Carolina, seconded by J. C. Broomfield of Pittsburgh, that the conference accept this invitation.

An invitation was also presented from the Main Street Church, Lansing, Mich., by Representative Bert Reed of Michigan. This invitation was supported by an invitation from the City Ministerial Union of Lansing, by Alfred H. Doughty, Mayor of the City of Lansing, by the Lansing Chamber of Commerce, and by Alexander J. Groesbeck, Governor of the State of Michigan.

E. T. Howe of Indiana presented an invitation from the Indiana Conference to hold the next session of the General Conference on the New Camp Ground near Marion, Indiana. Brother Howe, however, after hearing the statement of the Maryland Delegation, and

H. L. Layman of Nagoya, Japan, was the next speaker.

L. B. Smith of Maryland led the conference in prayer.

J. P. Dodge of Maryland asked the privilege of saying a word and offered \$500 to the Board of Foreign Missions for the purpose of building a college church. This proposition was followed by a spontaneous free-will offering made by members and friends of the conference for this purpose amounting to \$11,485.00. An offering was also made for the work at Kalgan, China, amounting to \$1,450.00, a total offering of \$12,935.00.

This financial response trespassed on the time of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, but the ladies very graciously consented to this use of their time.

At 3.25 Mrs. Henry Hupfield, President of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, was introduced to the conference and after a few brief remarks introduced Mrs. Flora B. Sturgeon, Corresponding Secretary. The next speaker was Miss Olive I. Hodges of Japan.

Evening Meeting.

Addresses were made by Miss Fumi Jo of Japan and Miss Olive I. Hodges of Japan, concluding the hearing of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

The Fraternal Messenger from the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, Bishop Clippinger, delivered a very fine address.

The closing address of the evening was delivered by Rev. Charles L. Goodell, Secretary of the Commission on Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

FRIDAY, MAY 23, 1924.

Morning Service.

The General Conference was called to order at nine o'clock with officers in their places. The roll call showed 152 members present.

F. W. Lineberry of Indiana conducted the devotional service. President Lewis appointed R. C. Stubbins of North Carolina to lead devotional services tomorrow.

The Minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved.

Bishop Anderson was presented to the conference, and invited to a seat on the platform.

The bar of the house was changed by motion to include the first ten rows of pews.

The Secretary of the conference selected C. W. Bates of North Carolina as Assistant Secretary.

The roll of conferences was called for the presentation of memorials and other papers. No papers were presented.

The report of the state of our Itinerant Ministry, read by L. F. Warner of Maryland, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Rev. F. W. Mays, D. D., Chancellor of Kansas City University, addressed the conference in reference to the work of that institution.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations presented Rev. Samuel Heininger of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Charles S. Heininger of Kalgan, China, Harlan L. Feeman, D. D., LL. D., President of Adrian College, C. M. Lippincott, D. D., President of the Pittsburgh Directory Board of Publication, C. E. Wilbur, Ph. D., Editor of the Sunday School Periodicals, J. W. Hawley, D. D., pastor of First Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

C. F. Finch of North Carolina was called to the platform and introduced to the conference.

The hour having arrived Bishop William F. Anderson, Fraternal Representative from the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in session at Springfield, Mass., presented the following Credentials:

Secretary of the Society, announced that the President, Mrs. A. G. Dixon, who was to preside at this meeting, was ill, and could not be present. Mrs. Gordon had been invited to act as her substitute and presided at this meeting. Four addresses were given. The first was by Mrs. W. C. Hammer of Asheboro, North Carolina, who presented the interest of the Children's Home of High Point, North Carolina, and the Bethel Home, near Weaverville, North Carolina. The next speaker was Miss Laura Reed, Organizer for the Society. Miss Reed discussed the proposed Home for Business Girls to be established in the city of Baltimore. Mrs. Gordon reported the work being done for foreign women and children in Pittsburgh. Dr. T. R. Woodford of Pine Ridge, Kentucky, presented the work of the Mountain School. After brief remarks by Mrs. Gordon the meeting closed and conference resumed business.

President Lewis announced that Dr. A. C. Millar of Little Rock, Arkansas, Fraternal Representative from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was prevented from attendance at this conference by the sudden death of his wife, but that he had sent his address to be read. This paper was put into the hands of George H. Miller of Ohio, with the announcement that it would be read at the opening of the evening session.

The message to Bishop Anderson was read, discussed, and approved, by unanimous vote. The message reads as follows:

"The General Conference has heard with delight the message of Bishop Anderson sent by the Methodist Episcopal Church, and of Doctor Millar sent by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. In both messages we have been invited to participate in the unification of Methodism. We reciprocate heartily the sentiments expressed and the invitation extended. We favor and long for a United Methodism. Not understanding perfectly the present scheme of unification between these two churches we yet believe it would be possible for us to come in on such terms as would not require us to surrender the fundamental principles of the Methodist Protestant Church in the zone of Church government. That we may satisfy ourselves on this point, we are authorizing a committee to receive any communications it may please you to make, to give them careful consideration, and to report the same to us. This letter was approved by unanimous vote.

(Signed) THOMAS H. LEWIS, Chairman.
J. C. WILLIAMS,
J. NORMAN WILLS,
A. N. WARD,
HARRY SHAW.

By motion the Committee which had prepared the message to be sent to Bishop Anderson was named to receive any reply which might come.

The pastor of the church, G. G. Shurtz, presented an invitation from the management of the Children's Home of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, located in the city, to visit the institution on Monday afternoon at two o'clock. Brother Shurtz announced that the Chamber of Commerce was arranging for automobiles to carry the conference to the home.

The invitation was accepted by vote.

A paper referring to Western Maryland College was passed to the Committee on Education.

Conference adjourned by motion.

in view of the fact that session of the General Conference to be held in 1928 will mark the century anniversary of the beginning of the Methodist Protestant Church, and the further fact that the St. John's Church is the successor to the Church in which the denomination was formally organized, also seconded the motion to accept the invitation to Baltimore.

W. O. Atwood of Maryland, a member of the St. John's congregation, suggested that the Maryland Conference delegation refrain from voting on this proposition, allowing the remainder of the conference to make the decision.

The question was decided by rising vote, and the decision was in favor of accepting the invitation to Baltimore.

The Secretary was directed to write a letter of appreciation to the Main Street Church, Lansing, for the splendid offer of its hospitality, and call attention to the sentimental appeal presented by the City of Baltimore at this historic anniversary date.

The Secretary was instructed by motion to send a telegram of prayerful interest and sympathy to Frederic J. Baylis, President of the Illinois Conference, expressing our hope for his speedy and complete recovery.

By motion it was ordered that a Special Committee of five be appointed, the President of the General Conference being Chairman of the Committee, to prepare a suitable reply to the Fraternal Message delivered by Bishop Anderson. This reply to be forwarded by Night Letter. It was fixed as the order of the day at four o'clock to hear the report of this Committee.

One thirty today was fixed as the hour to hear the report of the Special Commission on Finance appointed by the President of the General Conference.

It was moved and seconded that there be no afternoon sessions on Monday and Tuesday of next week, the time to be used in Committee work. Motion carried.

Ten o'clock Monday was fixed as the order of the day to hear the Report of the Committee on Consolidation of Publishing Interests.

A paper from the West Virginia Conference referring to a certain transfer was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Conference took recess until 1.30.

Afternoon Session.

Conference was called to order by the President.

The order of the day for one-thirty was the presentation of the report of the Finance Commission. This report was read by J. H. Straughn of Maryland. This report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following were named to complete the Committee on Message to Bishop Anderson: J. C. Williams of Ohio, A. N. Ward of Maryland, J. N. Wills of North Carolina, Harry Shaw of Pittsburgh. By order of Conference the President is Chairman of this Committee.

A paper presented by C. S. Johnson of Ohio proposing certain changes in the form of our denominational organization was ordered to be printed.

The hour having arrived for the hearing of the Board of Home Missions the President invited J. M. Sheridan, the senior member of the Board of Home Missions, to preside. Brother Sheridan made a brief address and introduced Charles H. Beck, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, who was to make the principal address at this meeting.

The hour of three o'clock was given to the Women's Home Missionary Society. Mrs. Jane A. Gordon, the Corresponding

The proposal from Indiana to consolidate the Methodist Recorder and the Methodist Protestant was referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

Brother Howe also presented a paper proposing certain changes in the Ritual and in the Course of Study, which was referred to the Committee on Revision.

The Report of the Secretary of the Forward Movement Committee, C. S. Johnson of Ohio, was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Report of the Commission on the Consolidation of Publishing Interests was presented by L. F. Warner of Maryland. This report was referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

A paper presented by T. C. Casaday of Alabama proposing certain changes in the Ritual was referred to the Committee on Revision.

A paper presented by Stephen B. Williams of Louisiana referring to special work among the Arcadians in Louisiana was referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

The Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Relations presented Rev. R. D. Sheppard, D. D., Rev. L. C. Wees, Rev. D. C. Wees, Rev. W. J. Elliott, Rev. M. M. Campbell, D. D., Ministers of the Ohio Conference, Methodist Protestant Church, and Mr. H. A. Garrett, Superintendent of the Children's Home, High Point, N. C., all of whom were introduced to the General Conference and invited to seats within the bar.

Rev. F. Scott McBride, D. D., General Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of America, was introduced to the conference and invited to a seat on the platform.

President Lewis announced that the Board of Young People's Work would have its hearing at 1.30 and that the Board of Managers of the General Fund for Superannuates of the Methodist Protestant Church would have its hearing at 2.30. President Lewis also announced that conference would adjourn at three o'clock.

A partial report of the Committee on Social Service was read by J. Bibb Mills in the form of a letter to be sent to the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives. The report was approved and the letter ordered sent.

A paper presented by R. M. Andrews of North Carolina referring to the settlement of an Estate in North Carolina was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society presented a memorial having several items. Item 1 was referred to the Committee on Revision. Item 2 to the Committee on Foreign Missions. Item 3 to the Committee on Finance.

The Report of the Administrative Committee on Missions was read, and referred to the Home and Foreign Mission Committees. President Lewis suggested that these two Committees hold a joint meeting to discuss matters of common interest.

Rev. S. Heininger of Grand Rapids, Michigan, was given the privilege of the floor, and made a brief address.

Rev. F. Scott McBride addressed the conference in the interest of the Anti-Saloon League of America.

The hour having arrived for the hearing of the Board of Education, the Secretary of the Board, George H. Miller, was called to the Chair. H. L. Feeman, President of Adrian College, H. L. Elderdice, President of the Westminster Theological Seminary, A. N. Ward, President of the Western Maryland College, and R. M. Andrews, Acting President of the High Point College, were also brought to the platform, and gave addresses in the interests of the work represented.

Evening Meeting

At 7.30 o'clock the following introductory letter was read:

To the General Conference of the
Methodist Protestant Church.

Brethren.

It gives the College of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, great pleasure to appoint as our Fraternal Delegate to your General Conference the Reverend Alexander Copeland Millar, Master of Arts and Doctor of Divinity. Doctor Millar has occupied a distinguished position in our Church as pastor, professor, president, and editor. We commend him to your brotherly consideration.

He will tell you of the state of the work of God in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the progress of that work, the great advance in all departments that can be measured, and also of our hopes for wider usefulness. He will convey to you our fraternal greetings and assure you of our prayers.

(Signed) COLLINS DENNEY,
Secretary of the College of Bishops.

Nashville, Tennessee, May 1, 1924.

The fraternal address forwarded by Dr. Millar was read by George H. Miller of Ohio. The sermon of the evening was delivered by Rev. W. S. Plumer Bryan, D. D., Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Chicago, Ill.

SATURDAY, MAY 24, 1924.**Morning Session.**

The conference met on time, with President Lewis in the chair and the Secretary, Charles H. Beck, at the desk.

The roll was called and one hundred fifty-three members responded to their names.

The Devotional Services were conducted by R. C. Stubbins of North Carolina.

President Lewis announced that R. I. Farmer of Ohio would conduct the devotional service Monday morning.

The Minutes were read by the Secretary, and approved.

The Report of the Methodist Protestant Home for the Aged, located at West Lafayette, Ohio, was presented by the President of the Board of Trustees, Rev. J. W. Hawley, D. D., of Pittsburgh. This report was referred to the Committee on Social Services.

The Auditor's reports of the Pittsburgh Directory and Baltimore Directory of the Board of Publication, and of the Board of Home Missions, were referred to the Auditing Committee.

E. T. Howe of Indiana presented a paper from the Indiana Conference proposing the consolidation of Adrian College and Kansas City University in a new location. The paper was referred to the Committee of Education.

A paper referring to a change in the manner of electing representatives to the General Conference, and in regard to the use of tobacco by Ministers was referred to the Committee on Revision.

E. T. Howe also presented a paper proposing the consolidation of our missionary Boards which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

anniversary of the Methodist Protestant Church to be celebrated at the next session of the General Conference was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

S. W. Taylor of North Carolina offered a motion proposing the publication of the sermon delivered by President Lewis at the services Sabbath morning. Several suggestions were made as to financing this publication. The discussion was interrupted by T. W. Leonard of Pittsburgh to announce a meeting of the Laymen to be held after the evening service in this room. T. A. Murray of Maryland spoke in favor of the proposed Laymen's Meeting and moved that the matter of financing the publication of the sermon by President Lewis be referred to the Laymen's Meeting this evening.

A paper offered by J. A. Phipps of Texas referring to the State of the Church in Texas was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

A paper offered by C. P. Nowlin of Maryland relative to the distribution of the Budget was referred to the Committee on Finance.

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A paper offered by L. B. Smith of Maryland proposing a membership goal for the next quadrennium was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

A paper suggesting the establishment of a denominational bureau of Evangelism offered by E. J. Headley of Pittsburgh was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

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The hour of ten o'clock had been set for a consideration of the Report of the Committee on Consolidation of Publishing Interests. Before announcing the order of the day President Lewis addressed the conference proposing the conference drop all matters of consolidation at this conference so far as immediate action is concerned. He discussed the propositions of merging certain Boards at some length. He also explained the status of the present negotiations between the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, with reference to the matter of consolidation. He also discussed our possible relationship to this movement for the unification of Methodism.

Informal remarks were made by J. P. Dodge of Maryland and J. H. Straughn of Maryland. Brother Straughn in his remarks disclaimed any particular feeling for the reorganization scheme which had been submitted; that his primary interest was to secure unity of action and harmony in our midst, and is heartily agreeable to its withdrawal.

The following motion was made by J. C. Williams of Ohio: "In order to test out the sentiment based upon your statement, I would move that these papers bearing upon reorganization, consolidation, etc., all be recalled from the hands of the Committees."

After considerable discussion it was moved by F. L. Ball of Maryland that the Committees having these papers in hand report tomorrow morning at ten o'clock. The motion carried and the hour of ten o'clock was fixed for the Report of the following Committees: Committee on Foreign Missions, Committee on Home Missions, Committee on Publishing Interests, and the Committee on Finance.

President Lewis announced to the conference that on account of the death of a member of his congregation, Dr. W. L. Stidger would not be able to deliver the sermon announced for this evening. After discussion it was moved to refer the evening hour to the Pulpit Committee.

Conference adjourned with benediction by B. A. Brooks of Kansas.

Afternoon Session.

Conference was called to order by the President at 1.30.

This was the hour set for the hearing of the Board of Young People's Work. Ely D. Miller, President of the Board, was called to the chair, and made a brief address. A. G. Dixon, former Secretary, and E. A. Sexsmith, Secretary of the Board of Young People's Work, made addresses with reference to the work of that Board.

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The hour of 2.30 had been fixed for a hearing of the Board of Managers of the General Fund for Superannuates of the Methodist Protestant Church. R. E. Games, Secretary of the Board, was called to the chair. Addresses were made by Secretary Games, T. A. Murray and C. P. Ryan.

Announcements were made by the Chairman of the Committee on Pulpit Service for Sunday.

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At 9.30 the regular session of the Sunday School was held. Special addresses were made in the Auditorium by E. A. Sexsmith, Secretary of the Board of Young People's Work, H. A. Garrett, Superintendent of the Children's Home at High Point, North Carolina, T. R. Woodford, Superintendent of the Mountain School, Pine Ridge, Kentucky.

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At the evening hour after a very interesting musical program, including several numbers by the Vaughan Quartet, of Tennessee, the sermon was delivered by H. L. Elderdice, D. D., President of the Westminster Theological Seminary, Westminster, Maryland.

MONDAY, MAY 26, 1924.

Morning Session

Conference was called to order at nine o'clock, with officers in their places.

The roll was called by the Secretary, and one hundred forty-one members responded to their names.

The Devotional Services were conducted by R. I. Farmer of Ohio.

The Minutes were read and approved.

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that a business session of conference be held on Wednesday evening was adopted.

A motion offered by G. W. Haddaway of Maryland fixing the date for the adjournment of conference at not later than four o'clock Thursday afternoon was carried.

The Report of the Committee on President's and Executive Committee's Reports was presented by the Chairman, A. G. Dixon of North Carolina. During the discussion of this report, C. S. Johnson of Ohio, Chairman of the Committee on Statistics and Journals, called attention to the fact that he had a report on a conference which seemed to be the Arkansas Colored Conference, and suggested that this conference be not dropped from our roll. By common consent the suggestion is approved and the conference continued on the roll of the General Conference.

It was moved and seconded that the item in the report of this Committee referring to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society Thank Offering be referred to the Committee on Finance. Motion carried.

The Committee on Revision submitted a further report which was adopted by the conference.

The hour of the day for ten o'clock was a consideration of the Report of the Committee on Finance. President Lewis called attention of the conference to item 6 in the Rules of Order adopted for the government of this conference which reads as follows: "No member shall speak more than once on the same question, nor more than ten minutes without special leave from the conference, and shall confine himself strictly to the subject under discussion."

The Report of the Committee on Finance was read by D. L. Custis of Ohio, Secretary to the Committee. A motion proposing the printing of the report was lost.

It was moved by F. L. Sharp of Mississippi that the report be adopted as read. This motion was seconded.

A motion offered by Ely D. Miller of Ohio was that this report be considered seriatim. This was also seconded. J. H. Straughn of Maryland, Chairman of the Committee, gave a ten minute address in support of the report.

It was moved by J. C. Williams of Ohio that we send this entire report down to the Annual Conference as an overture. The motion was lost.

A motion offered by C. P. Nowlin of Maryland, seconded by A. J. Allen of Pittsburgh, was ruled out of order by the Chairman.

While this question was under discussion the hour for recess arrived, with George H. Miller of Ohio on the floor.

Rev. Sidney L. Gulick, D. D., from New York City, representing the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, was introduced to President Lewis by A. J. Allen, Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Relations. President Lewis presented Dr. Gulick to the conference.

Conference took recess at 12.10, to re-assemble at three o'clock this afternoon with George H. Miller of Ohio, on the floor.

Afternoon Session.

Conference met at three o'clock as per adjournment, and was called to order by President Lewis.

George H. Miller of Ohio, was given the floor, he having been speaking when recess was taken.

G. I. Humphreys of Maryland moved to strike out all of item 16 in the report of the Committee on Finance. The motion was seconded. N. S. Williamson of Mississippi moved to amend the amendment by extending the time in which the Woman's Missionary Societies may elect their representatives. The motion to amend the amendment was seconded.

A paper presented by J. C. Williams of Ohio was referred to the Committee on Social Service.

A Partial Report of the Committee on Revision was read by R. L. Shipley, Secretary of the Committee, and was adopted by motion.

A report of the Committee on Young People's Work presented by L. B. Smith was laid on the table pending the report of other committees whose reports would probably deal with similar matters.

After some discussion it was decided that the question of defining the duties of the President should be referred to the Committee on the President's Report.

A paper presented by S. W. Taylor of North Carolina concerning our educational institutions was referred to the Committee on Education.

The Secretary was directed by motion to send a letter to A. R. Lewis of Maryland expressing the sympathy of the conference in his illness and our regret that he was unable to attend this session of conference.

The Committee on Pulpit announced that H. L. Feeman, D. D., LL. D., President of Adrian College, would preach at 7.30 tonight.

After committee announcements conference took recess. Benediction by W. R. Clower of Arkansas.

Evening Session.

The sermon of the evening was delivered by Harlan L. Feeman, D. D., LL. D., of Adrian, Michigan.

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 1924.

Morning Session.

Conference met on time and was called to order by President Lewis.

The roll was called by the Secretary and one hundred forty-nine members answered to their names.

The devotional services were conducted by G. O. McMillan of Fort Smith-Oklahoma.

The Minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved.

A paper from the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America presented by President Lewis was referred to the Committee on Interdenominational Co-operation.

A paper referring to the election of a Trustee for the United Society of Christian Endeavor was referred to the Committee on Young People's Work.

A paper from the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends was referred to the Committee on Social Service.

A paper to amend the paragraph in the Discipline of the Methodist Protestant Church relating to the duties of pastors was presented by A. G. Dixon of North Carolina and referred to the Committee on Revision.

A paper presented by President Lewis on National Law Enforcement was referred to the Committee on Social Service.

By motion the action taken at a previous session directing that no business session be held this afternoon was reconsidered, and a session of conference ordered for three o'clock this afternoon.

T. W. Leonard of Pittsburgh announced that the Laymen's Meeting held last evening had arranged for the payment of the cost of printing the sermon delivered by President Lewis Sunday morning.

A motion offered by A. G. Dixon of North Carolina proposing

A partial report of the Committee on Journals and Statistics was read by C. S. Johnson, Chairman of the Committee, and adopted.

A paper presented by E. T. Howe of Indiana concerning a part of the Discipline was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By motion the President of the General Conference was authorized to appoint a committee of five members to nominate members for the Board of Foreign Missions, Board of Home Missions, Board of Education, the Board of Young People's Work, Board of Publication, and the Executive Committee of the General Conference.

The Report of the Committee on Young People's Work was read by L. B. Smith, Secretary of the Committee, and adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Social Service was read by J. Bibb Mills of Alabama. That part concerning the appropriation was referred to the Committee on Finance. The remainder of that item dealing with the Methodist Protestant Home for the Aged, located at West Lafayette, Ohio, was referred to a special committee to be appointed by President Lewis.

It was made the order of the day for two o'clock Wednesday afternoon to elect editors, publishing agents, and general secretaries.

The Representatives from Mississippi asked leave to go home. Permission was given. N. S. Williamson expressed his thanks to the conference for their assistance in purchasing a lot for a church in Meridian. The President of the Conference made a statement regarding the outlook for a church in that city, and suggested that an offering of \$1,500 be taken. Subscriptions were received to the amount of \$1,525.00.

Conference adjourned, with benediction by C. W. Bates of North Carolina.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 1924.

Morning Session

The conference was called to order by President Lewis, with officers in their places.

The roll was called by the Secretary and one hundred forty-five members answered to their names.

J. C. Williams of Ohio, Chairman of the Delegation, announced that H. H. Walker and F. P. Kraps, lay representatives from Ohio, had been compelled to return home, and asked that E. B. Miller and M. D. Thrush, alternates, be seated as substitutes. Consent was given by motion.

The Devotional Service was conducted by Wilbur Young, lay representative from West Virginia.

The Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The paper offered yesterday by C. S. Johnson of Ohio being a partial report of the Committee on Statistics and Journals, which proposes certain changes in our law, was referred to the Committee on Revision.

The President announced the following as a Committee on Nominations: J. C. Williams, Ohio, Chairman, D. C. Coburn, Ohio, R. M. Andrews, North Carolina, J. C. Broomfield, Pittsburgh, C. S. Kidd, Eastern, E. T. Howe, Indiana, A. G. Dixon, North Carolina.

The following persons were named as a special committee to consider matters pertaining to the Methodist Protestant Home for the Aged, located at West Lafayette, Ohio, S. W. Rosenberger of Ohio, Chairman, J. F. Cappel of Ohio, E. T. Howe and C. P. Ryan, Indiana, C. L. Daugherty and T. W. Leonard of Pittsburgh.

C. L. Daugherty of Pittsburgh, Chairman of the Pittsburgh Delegation, announced that A. J. Allen of Pittsburgh had been called home on account of the funeral of a member of his congregation, leaving a vacancy on the roll of ministerial representatives

A paper offered by C. P. Nowlin of Maryland was declared out of order.

J. Bibb Mills of Alabama moved to indefinitely postpone the consideration of this report. The motion was seconded.

J. S. Eddins of Alabama moved the previous question, and the motion carried on standing vote of 101 in favor and 54 opposed.

J. Bibb Mills of Alabama renewed his motion to indefinitely postpone the consideration of this report. The vote was taken and the motion to postpone was lost.

The motion to consider the report item by item was lost.

On demand of L. E. Davis of Pittsburgh supported by five members the vote on the adoption of the report was taken by orders the ministers and laymen voting separately, requiring a majority vote of both houses for decision. The vote was taken, and the result was as follows: Ministerial affirmative 43 votes, negative 43 votes; Laymen affirmative 40 votes, negative 33 votes. There being a tie in the vote of the ministers President Lewis cast the deciding vote in the negative, and the report was not adopted.

J. H. Straughn of Maryland proposed that the conference join in singing "Blest Be The Ties That Binds," and led the conference in singing this tender hymn of sympathy and love.

The following resolution offered by G. I. Humphreys of Maryland was adopted:

"Resolved, That the General Secretaries of the four General Boards of the church, viz. the Board of Foreign Missions, the Board of Home Missions, the Board of Education, and the Board of Young People's Work, be formed into a committee, who with the President of the General Conference as Chairman shall be known as the Budget Council.

That to this Council shall be committed the promotional functions of the Church with relation to the Budget.

That this Council shall, under the direction and authority of its chairman, formulate the necessary program for disseminating information and creating inspiration in interpreting to the whole church the significance of the Budget, and for projecting such plans throughout the annual conferences as shall make possible its collection. And further, that this Council shall be the agency of this General Conference created unto and recognized for the purpose of raising the Budget unto the end that our Boards and Institutions shall be enabled to realize the great purposes for which they have been raised up in our denomination."

President Lewis called attention to the fact that Mr. Kirby Page, one of the General Secretaries of the Y. M. C. A. of New York City, was to address the conference tonight at 7.30 on the subject "What can we do about the present world situation."

It was decided by a motion to hold a business session following the evening service.

J. S. Hunter of Texas asked to be excused from further attendance at this General Conference because of the serious illness of Mrs. Hunter. Excuse was granted by common consent.

Conference took recess. Benediction by Roby F. Day of the Eastern Conference.

Evening Session.

At 7.30 Mr. Kirby Page of New York, gave a very fine address on the subject announced.

Conference met as per adjournment at nine o'clock, with officers in their places.

A partial report from the Committee on Revision was read by R. L. Shipley, Secretary. The partial report was adopted on motion by J. Bibb Mills of Alabama, seconded by W. C. Scott of Maryland.

The order of the day for two o'clock was the election of Editors, Publishing Agents, Executive Secretaries for the several Boards, and Treasurer of the General Conference.

T. C. Cassaday of Alabama nominated H. C. Staley of Maryland, for treasurer. This nomination was seconded in a number of very appreciative addresses. By motion the Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the conference for H. C. Staley for Treasurer. The ballot was cast, and H. C. Staley was declared elected.

A. G. Dixon of North Carolina placed Frank T. Benson of Maryland in nomination for Editor of the Methodist Protestant. This nomination was also seconded by representatives of a number of the conferences. By motion the Secretary of the General Conference was directed to cast the unanimous ballot of the conference for Frank T. Benson for Editor. The ballot was cast, and Frank T. Benson declared elected.

J. S. Eddins of Alabama placed Charles Reiner, Jr., in nomination for the position of Publishing Agent at Baltimore. By motion the Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the conference for his election. The ballot was cast, and Charles Reiner, Jr., declared elected.

C. J. Nutt of Iowa-Missouri nominated Lyman Edwyn Davis of Pittsburgh for the position of Editor of the Methodist Recorder. The Secretary was instructed by motion to cast the unanimous ballot of the conference for Lyman Edwyn Davis for Editor of the Methodist Recorder. The ballot was cast, and Lyman Edwyn Davis was declared elected.

L. H. Neiplin of Pittsburgh was nominated by E. J. Headley of Pittsburgh for Publishing Agent at Pittsburgh. By motion the Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the conference for his election. The ballot was cast, and L. H. Neiplin was declared elected.

E. S. Hawkins of Pittsburgh nominated Charles Edgar Wilbur for the position of Editor of the Sunday School Periodicals. The nomination was seconded by C. W. Millar of Pittsburgh, J. C. Broomfield of Pittsburgh, C. J. Nutt of Iowa-Missouri and Bert Reed of Michigan.

G. I. Humphreys of Maryland nominated C. S. Johnson of Ohio for the position of Editor of the Sunday School Periodicals. This nomination was seconded by E. T. Howe of Indiana, D. C. Coburn of Ohio and J. H. Straughn of Maryland.

The President appointed F. C. Klein of Maryland, J. A. Phipps of Texas, C. P. Nowlin of Maryland and J. S. Eddins of Alabama as tellers.

T. A. Murray of Maryland called the attention of the conference to the fact that certain legal requirements must be met before we could safely change the number of members on the respective Boards of the General Conference.

Lyman E. Davis of Pittsburgh was called to the chair.

William R. Wang, Messenger from the China Mission Conference, asked to be excused from further attendance at this session of the conference. Excuse was granted.

The ballot was then taken for the Editor of the Sunday School Periodicals. One hundred thirty-five ballots were cast. Necessary to a choice 68. L. W. Gerringer received 6 votes, C. E. Wilbur 62, and C. S. Johnson 67. No one having received a majority of the votes cast there was no election, and a second ballot was taken.

The result of the second ballot was as follows: Number of ballots cast 135. Necessary to a choice 68. C. E. Wilbur received 65 votes, C. S. Johnson 70 votes. C. S. Johnson having received

from that conference, and requested that J. W. Hawley of Pittsburgh, one of the alternate ministerial representatives, be seated in his stead as a substitute. The request was granted by motion.

Dr. Sidney L. Gulick, Secretary of the Commission on International Justice and Good Will of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, addressed the conference in reference to the relation of the Conference to the Federal Council of Churches and to the Commission on International Justice and Good Will.

The following paper was presented by President Lewis and approved by the conference by unanimous vote:

1. The Budget Council, already created by this conference, shall hold monthly meetings on the first Tuesday in a place designated by the Chairman, and at such other times as the Chairman shall suggest.

2. Each Secretary shall be subject to the order of this Council in visiting churches and conferences in the interest of the Budget.

3. All programs for special days shall be subject to the approval of the Council.

4. All expenses of this Council, including programs and travel undertaken by order of the Council and printing and circulating promotional literature in the interest of the budget, shall be paid for out of the undistributed budget.

The following paper was also presented by President Lewis and approved with the unanimous vote of the conference.

"The Constitutions of the various Boards of the church shall be revised so as to provide for

1. Annual Meetings to be held, date to be fixed by the Budget Council, but on successive days of the same week, and in the same place.

2. Special Meetings of each Board shall be determined by the Executive Committee of each Board.

3. Each Board shall elect two members, who with the Secretary shall constitute the Executive Committee of each Board, and perform all functions of the Board in the interim of the annual meetings.

The Chairman of the Committee on the Reports of the Executive Committee and President's Report submitted final report which was approved.

A partial report of the Committee on the State of the Church was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee, G. I. Humphreys of Maryland, and was adopted as read.

The attention of the conference was called to the fact that there was a difference in the figures reported by the Secretary of the Forward Movement Committee and the Treasurer of the General Conference, as to the cash secured in the Million Dollar Campaign. It was decided that the figures reported by Treasurer Staley should be accepted as the record of this campaign.

The Report of the Committee on Publishing Interests was presented by J. C. Williams of Ohio, Chairman of the Committee. The report was adopted.

L. J. Reed of Onondaga, Secretary of the Committee on Boundaries, submitted a partial report.

Conference took recess at 12.10.

Afternoon Session.

Conference re-assembled at 1.30.

After further discussion, the Report of the Committee on Boundaries was adopted.

C. R. Green of Iowa-Missouri, Secretary of the Committee on Audit, presented the report of the committee, which was adopted by motion.

On motion of Fred. C. Klein of Maryland it was made the order of the day for 7.30 this evening to receive the report of the Committee on nominations.

On motion of T. A. Murray of Maryland the Committee on Nominations was instructed to nominate the number of members for each Board required by their present charters, designating certain members who shall thereafter hold office when the charters are amended as per the order of this conference.

The Partial Report of the Judiciary Committee was read by E. C. Makosky of Maryland. This partial report was adopted.

On motion of Ely D. Miller of Ohio it was decided that the fund from the Tucker Estate referred to in the above report should be appropriated to the General Fund for the North Carolina College at High Point.

On motion of J. H. Straughn of Maryland Conference took recess until 7.30.

Evening Session.

Conference re-assembled at 7.30.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read by Geo. R. Brown of North Carolina, Secretary.

A motion was offered by J. A. Phipps of Texas, to adopt the report as read.

A motion was offered by J. P. Morgan of Alabama proposing to amend the motion to adopt, by referring that part of the report which proposes a reorganization of the Board of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to a Special Commission. This motion was lost.

Items 2, 4 and 5 of the report were stricken out these items being covered by other reports.

The Report was adopted as amended.

The Report of the Committee on Nominations was submitted by J. C. Broomfield of Pittsburgh, Secretary to the Committee, and approved.

The Final Report of the Committee on Judiciary was submitted by E. C. Makosky, Secretary to the Committee. The report was approved by motion.

The Final Report of the Committee on Boundaries was submitted by L. J. Reed, Secretary of the Committee. The report was adopted by motion.

By motion the Report of the Committee on Nominations was reconsidered and recommitted.

The Report of the Committee on Superannuates was presented by G. W. Haddaway of Maryland, Secretary of the Committee, and adopted.

Conference adjourned by motion, with benediction by C. E. Forlines of North Carolina.

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 1924.

Conference met on time with officers in their places.

The roll call showed one hundred sixteen members present.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Fred. P. Adkins of Maryland.

The Report of the Board of Young People's Work was reconsidered, and the item referring to the election of the new Board was referred to the Committee on Nominations. The President ruled that ex-officio members are members in fact of all Boards with power to vote.

The Committee on Revision submitted its final report. The question on the adoption of the item proposing to strike out the word Catholic from the Apostle's Creed, and substituting therefore the

a majority of all the votes cast, was declared Editor of the Sunday School Periodicals.

Fred. C. Klein of Maryland was placed in nomination as Executive Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions by H. L. Elderdice of Maryland. The nomination was seconded by J. Norman Wills of North Carolina, Rowland Watts of Maryland, and others. By motion the Secretary of the Conference was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the conference for Fred. C. Klein as Executive Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions for the ensuing quadrennium. The ballot was duly cast, and Fred. C. Klein was declared elected.

J. C. Williams of Ohio nominated Charles H. Beck of Ohio for the position of Executive Secretary of the Board of Home Missions. This was seconded by F. L. Brown of Ohio, R. M. Andrews of North Carolina, J. P. Turkelson of West Virginia, T. C. Casaday of Alabama and J. M. Sheridan of Maryland.

J. S. Clawson of Indiana nominated J. H. Straughn of Maryland as Executive Secretary of the Board of Home Missions. J. H. Straughn withdrew his name and declined to stand as a candidate. The ballot was taken, and resulted as follows: J. D. Williams of North Carolina 1 vote, J. C. Williams of Ohio 2, Perry E. Grimm of West Virginia 1, J. Norman Wills of North Carolina 1, L. W. Gerringer of North Carolina 1, C. W. Bates of North Carolina 4, J. H. Straughn of Maryland 4, C. E. Wilbur of Pittsburgh 4, G. W. Haddaway of Maryland 5, J. C. Broomfield of Pittsburgh 9, and Charles H. Beck of Ohio 98. Total votes cast 130. Total number of votes necessary to a choice 66. Charles H. Beck having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared elected Executive Secretary of the Board of Home Missions. By motion of G. W. Haddaway, seconded by J. C. Broomfield, the election of Charles H. Beck was made unanimous.

The next in order was the election of the Secretary of the Board of Education. George H. Miller of Ohio was placed in nomination by T. A. Murray of Maryland. This nomination was seconded by S. W. Rosenberger of Ohio, R. M. Andrews of North Carolina, J. P. Morgan of Alabama, G. W. Haddaway of Maryland, A. N. Ward of Maryland, C. L. Daugherty of Pittsburgh, Ely D. Miller of Ohio and R. E. Games of Ohio.

Perry E. Grimm of West Virginia was placed in nomination by J. P. Turkelson of West Virginia. This nomination was seconded by Josiah Payne of West Virginia and J. H. Mossburg of West Virginia.

On motion of W. C. Conner of Alabama nominations were closed, and the conference proceeded to ballot. One hundred thirty-four ballots were cast. Necessary to a choice 68. Perry E. Grimm received 29 votes. George H. Miller 105. George H. Miller having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared elected Executive Secretary of the Board of Education.

On motion of P. E. Grimm the election of George H. Miller was made unanimous.

The next order was the election of the Executive Secretary of the Board of Young People's Work. A. L. Wooten of Indiana nominated E. A. Sexsmith of Maryland for this position. This nomination was seconded by G. I. Humphreys of Maryland, J. S. Eddins of Alabama, J. E. Pritchard of North Carolina, R. I. Farmer of Ohio and Geo. D. Jones of Eastern. On motion the Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the conference for E. A. Sexsmith as Executive Secretary of the Board of Young People's Work. The ballot was cast, and E. A. Sexsmith was declared elected Executive Secretary of the Board of Young People's Work.

A motion offered by Russell Smith of Maryland, proposing to make the Budget 70% of \$500,000 or \$350,000, seconded by E. T. Howe of Indiana, was lost.

The Report of the Committee on Finance was adopted as a whole by motion.

The Report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations was presented by J. H. Mossburg of West Virginia and adopted as read, by a unanimous rising vote.

On motion \$50 was voted to the Secretary of the General Conference for services, and \$25 to the Assistant Secretary.

The following resolution was offered by Fred. C. Klein of Maryland and adopted.

"Resolved, That only the titles of the standing committees, and not the number of persons to be thereon, in the Constitution of the Union Board of Foreign Missionary Administration be published in the Discipline."

The following resolution was offered by Ely D. Miller of Ohio and adopted:

"Resolved, That when this General Conference adjourns, it shall adjourn subject to the call of the President, who may call the same in special session, when he has been informed by your Committee on Unification of Methodism, that the conditions on which we may enter the movement are probably acceptable to this General Conference."

The following resolution was offered by J. C. Williams of Ohio, and adopted by unanimous vote:

"Resolved, That we wish to express our heartiest appreciation of the services rendered by Dr. C. E. Wilbur, retiring Editor of the Sunday School literature, during the twenty-six years he has occupied this position.

Dr. Wilbur achieved distinction among Sunday School Lesson authorities by years of service on the Committee that selects the International Lessons, and has visited many nations in connection with his work.

Having met in the most efficient way all opportunities for service, and having stood every test of character and Christian fellowship, he must ever abide in the high and affectionate esteem of the entire church."

This resolution was ordered to be included as a part of the Report of the Committee on Publishing Interests.

Conference then adjourned by motion, to meet at the call of the President as provided in the resolution offered by Ely D. Miller of Ohio, noted above, with prayer and benediction.

T. H. LEWIS, President.

CHARLES H. BECK, Secretary.

word Christian, was laid on the table by a vote of 54 in favor of tabling, and 39 against.

The Report was then adopted as a whole.

The Report of the Committee on the State of the Church was presented by the Chairman, G. I. Humphreys. The report was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Statistics and Journals was presented by C. S. Johnson, Chairman of the Committee. The report was adopted by motion.

The following resolution was offered by Frank L. Ball of Maryland, approved and ordered to be forwarded by telegram:

The Hon. Wesley L. Jones,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

"The General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in session in Tiffin, Ohio, heartily approves and urges the passage of the Sunday Rest Bill for the District of Columbia introduced by you."

The resolution was signed by J. H. Straughn and Frank L. Ball and was adopted by motion.

The Report of the Committee on Interdenominational Cooperation was read by Frank L. Ball, Secretary. The following amendment was adopted: "That the President and Executive Committee shall have full discretion in the financial matter of our connection with the Federal Council, and that the President be a member of the Executive Committee of this Council." The report was adopted by motion.

The Report of the Committee on Home Missions was read by C. W. Bates of North Carolina, at the request of the Chairman of the Committee. The report was amended changing the word "advisory" in reference to the relationship between the Board of Home Missions and the Boards of Church Extension of the various conferences to "sympathetic" and adopted as amended.

The Report of the Committee on Education was presented by J. C. Broomfield of Pittsburgh, Chairman of the Committee. That item referring to the change in the blank form of application used by the Board of Education was stricken out on a standing vote of 52 to 48. This action leaves the Board of Education free to make the proposed changes in this application form.

The Report was adopted as a whole as amended.

On motion conference took recess at 12.30 to re-assemble for business at 1.30. Prayer and benediction by D. C. Coburn of Ohio.

Aftrenoon Session.

Conference re-assembled at 1.30.

S. W. Taylor of North Carolina offered a resolution and asked that it be referred to the Executive Committee of the General Conference. By motion conference referred the resolution to the Budget Council.

Final Report of the Committee on Boundaries was read by the Secretary of this Committee, L. J. Reed. By motion this report was adopted.

J. C. Broomfield of Pittsburgh read the Report of the Committee on Nominations. Motion was made to adopt the report as a whole. T. A. Murray moved to amend the report by substituting the name of J. H. Baker of Maryland for the name of E. G. Cover as a member of the Baltimore Book Directory. The amendment was adopted, and the report adopted as a whole.

J. H. Straughn, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, read the report of the Committee.

of our publishing interests, which was done, October 1st, 1920, and their report printed as directed.

I was also directed to appoint a Board of Managers for a general Superannuated Fund, which was done October 8th, 1920. Also a committee to revise and enrich the Ritual, and a Committee to revise the course of study, which was done. Their report was afterwards printed in the Discipline and is before you for consideration. I was also directed to arrange for the appointment of an Administrative Committee on Missions, which held its first meeting in December, 1920, and whose secretary will report in detail the action of the committee.

In addition to these Commissions ordered by the General Conference, I appointed a Commission on the state of our Itinerant Ministry. The report of this Commission will be presented to you by its secretary.

Also a Commission on Finance which will report, and whose report while not official will no doubt give the Conference valuable suggestions.

The two latter commissions are to be understood as only advisory. The expenses in connection with them have been provided for without drawing on the Church treasury. They represent unpaid and willing service given to the Church in the study of two of the greatest problems we have to face.

Other Meetings during the Quadrennium.

Taking advantage of that provision giving the president authority to call together for consultation ministers and laymen of any section of the church when thought advisable for the interests of the church, I have striven to obviate the disadvantage we suffer from in not knowing one another better by a series of general meetings for the cultivation of a closer fellowship.

In 1921 we had a meeting of the presidents of the annual conferences of the south and southwest at Birmingham, Alabama, March 17th. and 18th. And in the following June a similar meeting at Canton, Illinois of the president and secretaries of the Western conferences.

In 1922, May 18th, at Pittsburgh, Pa., we had a Joint Assembly of members of the various boards, and of representatives sent from annual conferences, that lasted two days and which made, I believe, a profound impression on the Church.

In July 1923, at Baltimore, Md., we had a meeting of a Council of Annual Conference presidents, twenty-three out of twenty-seven being present. This was a real inspiration and its influence was felt in every session of an annual conference during the following fall.

In January 1924, I was able to carry out a long cherished experiment of trying to carry to the preachers of our weaker conferences instruction and inspiration through a series of Preacher's Institutes. I selected two ministers from three of our annual conferences, and with them I visited the Missouri, the Arkansas, the Alabama and the Georgia conferences in turn, spending a week with each and delivering thirty-six lectures on subjects bearing on their work as pastors. At each meeting we had the majority of the members of the conferences in attendance and great enthusiasm was created for the experiment. I trust some way may be found to continue and extend the idea.

Of course I had no authority to draw money from the Church treasury for the expenses of these meetings, none of which had been ordered by the General Conference. None of them would have been possible without some money, and I rejoice to report that all the money needed was freely furnished me by voluntary contributions.

Special Committees

1. Nominations.

J. C. Williams, Ohio; D. C. Coburn, Ohio; R. M. Andrews, North Carolina; J. C. Broomfield, Pittsburgh; C. S. Kidd, Eastern; E. T. Howe, Indiana, and A. G. Dixon, North Carolina.

2. Methodist Protestant Home for the Aged.

S. W. Rosenberger, Ohio, Chairman; J. F. Cappel, Ohio; E. T. Howe, and C. P. Ryan, Indiana; C. L. Daugherty, and T. W. Leonard, Pittsburgh.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

We, your Committee on Credentials, respectfully submit the following report.

ITEM 1. The list as presented by the Secretary was approved, subject to such corrections as might be necessary, due to the presence of alternate representatives in place of principals elected in the several conferences.

ITEM 2. We have received and examined all credentials for alternates presented and have substituted their names where necessary.

ITEM 3. A Special Request came to us from the Michigan Conference delegation. We have examined the evidence presented for our consideration and very respectfully report that in our judgment the Michigan Conference is entitled to four seats in this General Conference.

CHARLES H. BECK, Chairman.
C. W. BATES,
A. L. COOK,
J. H. HEARNE.

THE REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

To the General Conference of the
Methodist Protestant Church
in session at Tiffin, Ohio, May 21, 1924.

Dear Brethren:—

Four years ago I was elected President of the General Conference and directed to give my whole time to the duties of the office. I now come to give an account of my stewardship. Among my duties as outlined in the action taken by the last General Conference there is nothing said about a quadrennial report from me, but I assume this was expected. But as I have been reporting to the Executive Committee four times a year during the quadrennium, which report has been printed in our Church papers, this report will not need to be as diffuse as would otherwise be proper.

Appointment of Commissions.

By instructions of the General Conference a meeting of the members of the various boards and other persons named was called to meet in Baltimore, June 30th, 1920. At that meeting was selected the Forward Movement Committee, which held its first meeting the following day, fixed the salary of the secretary, went over plans of operation in a general way, and arranged for a sub-committee to meet with the secretary at an early date.

I was directed to appoint a Commission on the Consolidation

establish the relation of this conference to the church in a regular way.

The Kentucky and the South Carolina conferences require your immediate and sympathetic consideration. Their condition is little short of desperate. My opinion is that Kentucky should be taken over by the Ohio conference and South Carolina united in some way to Georgia.

Our present number of annual conferences entitled to representation in the General Conference is twenty-six. In addition we have six conferences listed as Mission, entitled to be represented by a messenger. The Committee on Boundaries should give careful attention to the description of the boundary lines of all these conferences. I suspect they are not at present correct.

I have made annual visitation of these conferences as directed, so far as it was physically possible, and I have been met with most cordial welcome and expressions of great satisfaction with the arrangement. But many and some insuperable difficulties interfere with the perfect working of the plan of meeting all our conferences every year. In the first place, all but one of the conferences meet between the middle of August and the first of December. In addition it happens often that two, sometimes three and even four of these conferences meet the same week. I have found all the conferences willing to meet the wishes of the president so far as a date is concerned, but there are difficulties they cannot control, and I do not see much hope for any radical changes in the present plan.

I have done the best I could under the circumstances. Three of the conferences, Washington, Florida, and Kentucky, I have met only once during the quadrennium, the first named, not really a conference session but I visited all the churches and pastors. The other two could not have been met without sacrificing two or three other conferences because of conflict of date and inaccessibility. Three other conferences have been met twice; sixteen, three times and ten, four times. That is, ninety-seven out of a possible one hundred and twenty-eight. My travels have covered nearly one hundred and nine thousand miles, this includes other trips besides visits to annual conferences.

I must leave to you to decide what has been the practical value of this work. I have been received with the greatest courtesy and friendliness in all the conferences; occasionally I have been asked to preside; frequently my opinion has been asked on points of law, and all the time desired has been given me to say anything I wished to say to the conference: I have been asked by some conferences regularly to preach the Ordination sermon on Sunday morning; sometimes, but not uniformly to assist in the ordination service, and on one occasion to take charge of the service. These acts of courtesy have been graciously extended and, I hope, modestly used. But it seems to me that legislation is needed to define the relation of the president of the General Conference to an annual conference. Is he a visitor to be treated with respectful courtesy, or does he belong there? Personally I care very little about such things. I had rather have influence without power than power without influence, if these must be separated. Still I think the relation should be defined in the Discipline. We can thus show how far we mean to go and where transgression of the rights and privileges of annual conferences will not be permitted.

Contingent Funds.

The General Conference provided only for the official travelling expenses of the president to be paid out of the treasury. In all instances where the services of the President were desired for a local interest his expenses were paid by the interest. Yet some-

But I wish to add here, that our Church cannot afford to go without general meetings until the quadrennial sessions of our General Conference. Some way should be found to bring our people closer together more frequently.

Publications

Believing that my inability to reach the Church widely except at Annual Conference sessions would very much contract the usefulness of the office, I undertook to supplement my personal visitations by occasional publications.

In 1920 I printed a form letter addressed to our members in certain conference districts relating to special points of importance in that field. I sent copies of these to pastors in sufficient numbers to reach all the members.

During the same year I sent out about 2500 copies of the address delivered by me at the opening of the first Baltimore meeting, which was intended as a sort of key note for denominational co-operation.

In 1921 by the approval of the Executive Committee a pamphlet was printed and distributed to every pastor and Sunday School Superintendent, containing an address prepared by Rev. G. H. Miller, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Education on "What is the Budget and Why?" Also a synopsis of the work of all our boards for the current year. 6000 copies of this pamphlet were distributed, and paid for by the treasurer of the Church, \$110.

In 1922 I prepared a sermon on "Saint Paul as a Money Raiser," and, encouraged by some who heard it, I printed it at my own expense and offered it to our pastors for general distribution at two cents a copy. Three editions of the sermon were printed totalling 14,000 copies, and all expenses were paid by the sale.

The Council of Annual Conference presidents made such an excellent impression on those present that it was thought it might extend the good impression by printing its proceedings. Accordingly a pamphlet of 48 pages was printed, containing all the addresses in full and a page illustration of the members of the Council. Three thousand copies were distributed, and the expense was met without calling on the Church treasurer. In addition to such special efforts at publicity and information, I have, of course, availed myself of the Church papers extensively. The editors have always given generous space and even commendatory notice of matters was brought to the attention of our people.

Annual Conferences.

The recommendation of the last General Conference that the Mississippi and North Mississippi conferences unite was not agreed to, and the conferences have remained as they were. The North and the South Illinois conferences arranged through commissions to unite and they have been working together very happily since 1922. I have been unable to find any trace of the following Mission conferences, and I recommend that they be stricken from our list of conferences: Arkansas (colored), Spring Creek, Tennessee (colored), and Baltimore (colored). In the district of the latter there are churches still calling themselves by our name, but they are not affiliated with us, and in deed, have totally changed their polity.

Washington conference, including the State of Washington, is an anomalous case; there are no ministers in charge of the three churches in Seattle, which represent the constituency of the conference, except those from other conferences who do not wish to change their conference relations. Something should be done to

up of the Discipline. I have been working upon a recasting of the items in the Discipline with a view to making it easier to find what one wants by gathering together all that pertains to one subject in one chapter. I will present this to the proper Committee and if approved will complete it.

I have also prepared five overtures to change the Constitution, which I append to this report, all of which would be improvements, I think, in the way of simplifying our law without making radical changes.

General Observations

I have thus in a summary way disclosed the extent and the character of the work I have tried to do during the quadrennium. I do not intend to take advantage of my position to offer any criticism or to propose any program for the future. But there are a few matters on which I feel deeply and which I should like to commend to the earnest attention of the Conference as of fundamental importance.

1. The first is the condition of our itinerant ministry. This lies at the root of most of the troubles we now mourn and is largely concerned with whatever prosperity we may hope for in the future. And our itinerant ministry is now in such a condition that we cannot hope for progress or prosperity or even to stop disintegration unless we find a remedy. The large number of men now employed in our ministry, who are without adequate preparation and compelled to give the largest part of their time to making a living, make many of our pastorates merely nominal. In such cases we have no leaders, we have no organization and we cannot look for any permanent work to be done under such circumstances. I think a standing committee should be raised who should give their best study to this question and endeavor to report to this Conference some measure to relieve this grave situation.

2. Something should be devised to increase the spirit of true denominational fellowship among us. We would be much stronger than we are, even if we gained no members, if we could consolidate the members we have in a real co-operation in the plans and methods some of our members are pursuing.

I have not mentioned in this report what I have endeavored to do in this direction because it hardly admits of statistical statement; nevertheless I do not regard it of minor importance. In fact some brethren have told me that this has been the most important work I have done. Certainly we must agree that we need to get our people together in many ways and to more effective purpose. Four years is too long for us to be separated as a denomination and we ought to have an assembly at least every two years. And it would be greatly helpful if all the presidents of annual conferences might meet every year.

3. Our finances will doubtless claim the attention of the Conferences to a large extent. It must awaken very grave thought to discover that we are spending more than a third of all the money received to administer our general interests. The business sense of clear thinking men will say that such a situation should not continue.

Yet it is true that we are raising more money for these interests than ever before, and some of our conferences are progressing steadily towards the goal set at the last General Conference. It is gratifying to note that as opposed to a loss of 13,250 members during the preceding quadrennium, in spite of arbitrary and ruthless excision of Church registers done to decrease assessments,

times the President was needed where the immediate interest was not able to meet the expense. And there were other occasions where money was needed to meet emergencies or to carry out plans devised for the general good for which no provision had been made. Happily this embarrassment was relieved by some thoughtful and generous friends who seeing such necessity arising voluntarily offered relief.

One brother thus placed in my hands at different times during the quadrennium two thousand dollars to be used at my discretion. This money was used to meet such travelling expenses as I have named in part, but much the larger part of miscellaneous benevolences, to ministers and conference presidents and churches where the need was great and no other funds available.

One of our laymen in Maryland asked me to send a gift from him of two hundred and fifty dollars to the Pine Ridge School at a time when funds were seriously needed. Another brother in Michigan wanted me to use twenty dollars from him to buy some preachers books.

One of our churches in Arkansas was destroyed by a cyclone. An appeal from me in our Church papers brought \$410 towards its rebuilding, and the Board of Home Missions added another \$100.

The Mississippi Conference passed through a critical period through the defection of a leading minister when it was feared many others might follow. A great stand for loyalty was made at their session, and I told the Church about it and asked for twenty-five hundred dollars as a tribute to be devoted to buying a lot for a church in Meridian, the principal city in Mississippi, and received \$2625.

At the Joint Assembly held in Pittsburgh a few friends subscribed and paid \$435 to finance the Commission to survey the church on the state of our itinerancy.

The Maryland Conference made a voluntary contribution of over \$900 to finance the Council of Annual Conference Presidents' meeting in Baltimore, July, 1923.

The Ohio Conference in the same manner contributed \$410.91; the Eastern, \$311.64; and the North Carolina, \$250 to finance the Preachers' Institutes. Thus I have disbursed during the quadrennium, \$7,582.55 for contingencies.

I am glad to make grateful acknowledgment for these gifts, and I have been greatly helped in my administration by them. Yet, perhaps this is not the best way to provide for contingencies. Perhaps it would be better to appropriate something from the budget for this purpose.

Our Church Law.

A large part of my contact with the Church has come through correspondence. It has included all sorts of questions about matters of administration and appeals for help, but by far the greatest part has been about questions of Church law. I have regarded this as one of my most important duties. I have constantly urged upon our ministers a strict and uniform observance of our law as tending to that solidarity of denominationalism which will most surely enhance our self respect and give us strength in every department of Church work. I have the satisfaction of knowing that there has been great improvement in this respect. The increase in the sale of Disciplines for the quadrennium has been twenty per cent above that of previous periods and I believe we ought to encourage in every way this tendency. One way to do this is to make the price of Discipline as low as is consistent with a reasonable profit, and I think the present price might be decreased twenty-five or thirty per cent. The larger sale would result not only in a blessing to the Church, but would in my opinion bring a larger profit to the Book Concern. Another way is to improve the make

Details of Budget receipts and membership for 1923

Four conferences, 93,526 members, 51 per cent of all, each giving more than \$10,000 annually, gave in 1923 \$95,881, 69 per cent of all \$1.02 per capita.

Maryland	34,807	members, paid	\$43,078
North Carolina	25,386	" "	10,090
Ohio	20,238	" "	23,111
Pittsburgh	13,094	" "	19,602

Three conferences, 39,016 members, each giving more than \$5,000, annually, gave in 1923, \$24,731, 85 cents per capita.

Eastern	5,868	members, paid	\$2,233
Michigan	4,229	" "	6,562
West Virginia	18,919	" "	9,936

Six conferences, 25,148 members, each giving more than \$1,000 annually, gave in 1923, \$14,202, 56 cents per capita.

Alabama	7,663	members, paid	\$1,063
Indiana	8,902	" "	4,083
Iowa-Missouri	2,817	" "	1,921
Kansas	950	" "	1,490
North Illinois	2,643	" "	2,800
Onondaga	2,173	" "	2,845

Fourteen conferences, 30,895 members, each giving less than \$1,000 annually, gave in 1923, \$3,053, 10 cents per capita.

Arkansas	5,261	members, paid	\$455
Colorado-Texas	767	" "	124
Ft. Smith-Oklahoma	2,461	" "	499
Georgia	2,288	" "	231
Kentucky	991	" "	86
Louisiana	2,918	" "	200
Mississippi	3,962	" "	29
Missouri	2,420	" "	386
North Mississippi	1,237	" "	116
South Carolina	740	" "	30
South Illinois	1,442	" "	126
Tennessee	1,284	" "	232
Texas	4,162	" "	634
Virginia	962	" "	5

Six Mission conferences, 3,609 members, each giving less than \$500 annually, gave in 1923, \$554, or excluding Washington, whose 450 members gave \$317, \$237, seven cents per capita.

Alabama colored)	421	members, Paid	\$100
Colorado-Texas (colored)	518	" "	84
Florida	452	" "	8
Georgia (colored)	851	" "	19
South Carolina (colored)	817	" "	16
Washington	450	" "	317

Overtures

Resolved, That the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in session at Tiffin, Ohio, May 21st, 1924, hereby adopts and submits to the Annual Conferences the following overtures for altering the Constitution.

First Overture. Article IV (four, section 3 (three). Strike out and amend so that the whole section shall read:

"3. Each Church shall have power to purchase, build, lease, sell, rent, or otherwise dispose of church property for the use and benefit of the Methodist Protestant Church, when authorized by the affirmative vote of a majority of all the qualified members of the church; provided that said

we have gained about ten thousand members during the last quadrennium. But it will not do to dwell on such totals in considering our resources for the budget. It was de Tocqueville, I think, who said, "Analysis is the safety of Democracy." We must make a rigorous analysis to find not only how many we have but how much. Humiliating though it may be it will be wholesome to look the facts in the face.

Taking the reports for 1923 it appears that only four of our annual conferences give \$10,000 or more to the budget. These conferences have 93,521 members, 51 per cent of the whole membership, and gave \$95,881 or 69 per cent of the whole amount contributed by the church, which is \$1.02 per capita.

Three other conferences, giving more than \$5,000 have 29,016 members and gave \$24,731 which is 85 cents per capita. Six other conferences, giving more than \$1,000 have 25,148 members, gave \$14,202 which is 56 cents per capita. The remaining fourteen conferences, giving less than \$500 have 30,895 members, gave \$1,069 which is 6 cents per capita, and five of them, having 7,895 members, gave \$166 which is 2 cents per capita.

Besides these, we have six mission conferences having 3,069 members who gave \$554, or excluding Washington whose 450 members gave \$317, 3,159 members who gave \$237.

So that analyzing our membership for financial purposes, we have 93,526 members who give an average of \$1.02 per capita, and 88,668 who give an average of 48/cents per capita.

Now to me all this means one thing. It is not poverty. I know these people better. They are as well off as their neighbors; they own automobiles, they own houses and lands; they dress well and live well, and they are staunch Methodist Protestants. What then does this appalling lack of Christian beneficence mean? It means a total lack of organization, and they lack organization because they lack leadership, and they lack leadership because those who should "tend the flock of God, taking the oversight thereof," are in the fields or the shops or the other vocations of the world working to make a living. It all goes back to the state of our itinerant ministry, our part-time pastorates; and it will never be improved until we give thought and prayer and money to building up a true pastorate in all our conferences. Back of all other retarding influences to Church growth this one fact looms up its threatening aspect and demands immediate and prolonged attention. If we could be so happy as to discover and apply a way to get pastors for every charge and give them a support that would enable them to give their whole time to the ministry, we would in the next four years increase our membership and our contributions fifty per cent.

The Roman Senate in the trying days of Hannibal's invasion ordered a vote of thanks to Scipio "for though defeated, he had not despaired of the Republic." I take my humble stand with Scipio. It may be that the difficulties confronting us are strong and fortified and very great, and moreover the children of Anak are there; yet we are well able to overcome all these. Let us go up at once and possess our good land.

I have nothing in my heart to-day but thanksgiving, for the honor you conferred upon me in placing me in this position, for health and strength to go through with its duties, for all your kindness and forbearance; and I lift up my hands without wrath and doubting, praying that God will bestow upon this Conference the plenitude of his grace and wisdom, and make all that we do rebound to his glory and the progress of his kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS H. LEWIS.

Commission on Consolidating our Publishing Interests

(Appointed by the President of the General Conference)

Rev. B. A. Brooks (Kansas)	Mr. F. S. Brierly (Pitts.)
Rev. J. C. Broomfield (Pitts.)	Mr. S. W. Criss (Ohio)
Rev. T. C. Cassiday (Alabama)	Mr. M. W. DeCamp (Eastern)
Rev. E. T. Howe (Ind.)	Mr. R. A. Hall (W. Va.)
Rev. J. A. Moray (Mich)	Mr. S. R. Harris (N. C.)
Rev. A. L. Reynolds (Ohio)	Mr. A. M. Kopf (Iowa-Miss.)
Rev. L. F. Warner (Maryland)	Dr. J. M. H. Rowland (Md.)
	Mr. A. C. Ruff (Ill.)

Commission on the State of our Itinerancy

(Not directed by the General Conference, but appointed by Pres.)

Rev. J. R. Anderson (Georgia)	Rev. G. G. Shurtz (Ohio)
Rev. F. W. Perkins (Pitts.)	Rev. J. A. Wade (Arkansas)
Rev. A. G. Dixon (N. C.)	Rev. L. F. Warner, Md.)

Commission on Finance

(Not directed by General Conference but appointed by President)

Rev. A. J. Allen (Pitts.)	Mr. H. C. Staley (Md.)
Rev. F. S. Hemingway (Mich)	Mr. J. Norman Wills (N. C.)
Rev. J. H. Straughn (Md.)	

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENTS REPORT

Your Committee to whom has been referred the President's Report and the Report of the Executive Committee beg leave to report as follows:

The effective work done and the gratifying results accomplished through the untiring efforts and the unsparing devotion of our President in this hitherto untried field of church activity have fully justified the wisdom of the action of the last General Conference in enlarging the field of service of our President, and conferring upon him powers and duties requiring him to devote his whole time thereto, and also in the selection of the man to blaze the way into this new territory.

We return thanks to a kind Providence for preserving his life and health during his travels of over 100,000 miles, that he may go forward with the work which has already contributed so much towards bringing our varied Conferences and their churches into a better understanding of each other, their work and needs, and establishing a closer relationship, and are confident that still greater results will be accomplished under his wise leadership in the next quadrennium.

We are gratified that amid the many calls upon his time he was able to prepare the several publications referred to in his report, which have proven most helpful.

His quarterly reports to the Executive Committee, printed in our church papers, have kept our membership fully informed as to what has been done, and put them in closer touch with the smaller and more distant Conferences, at least such of our membership who are subscribers to our church papers, as all should be.

New inspiration and vigor has been imparted to these smaller and weaker Conferences in the knowledge that their needs were fully recognized, and practical sympathy has been extended through financial aid and otherwise.

We commend his efforts to further the spirit of general interest through the varied meetings held from time to time and we heartily approve his suggestion that some way should be found to

vote be given in person at a meeting publicly called for the purpose four weeks in advance."

Second Overture. Article VIII (eight), section 3 (three), Strike out the whole section, and insert instead as section 3.

"3. The representatives to which each district may be entitled shall be elected on Friday at two o'clock, P. M., at the meeting of the Annual Conference next preceding the sitting of the General Conference, by the ministers and delegates belonging to said annual conference. The ministers and delegates shall vote as one body, and a majority of the whole vote cast shall constitute an election. But if a majority of the ministers, or a majority of the delegates demand it, the ministers and delegates shall vote separately, and the concurrence of a majority of both ministers and delegates shall be necessary to constitute an election."

Third Overture. Article VIII (eight), section 5 (five). Strike out the words "five members" and insert in the same place instead the following:

"A majority of the ministers, or a majority of the delegates present."

Fourth Overture. Article XI (eleven). Under the paragraph entitled "Conference Steward," strike out the word "Steward" in the title and also in the first line, and insert instead in both places the word "Treasurer."

Fifth Overture. Article XIV (fourteen), section 3 (three). Strike out in lines ten and eleven the words, "or who have ceased to take an interest in the church."

At the end of the section, after the period, add the following: "But any person whose name has been dropped shall upon application to the pastor have his name restored."

APPOINTMENTS BY DIRECTION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Forward Movement Committee

(Appointed by the Assembly at Baltimore, Md., June 30th, 1920)

Rev. J. O. Ledbetter (Ind.)	Mr. H. A. Sicker (Ohio)
Rev. J. E. Pritchard (N. C.)	Mr. C. W. Waychoff (Pitts.)
Rev. L. F. Warner (Maryland)	Mr. J. A. Pugh (W. Va.)
Rev. H. J. Hescott (Mich.)	Mrs. Henry Hupfield (Md.)
	Mrs. J. A. Gordon (Pitts.)

Board of Managers of Superannuated Fund

(Appointed by the President of the General Conference)

Rev. R. E. Games (Ohio)	Mr. R. H. Brooks (N. C.)
Rev. I. J. Howland (Onondaga)	Mr. C. P. Ryan (Ind.)
Rev. G. C. Sheppard (Pitts.)	Mr. T. A. Murray (Maryland)
	Mr. E. S. VanLear (Eastern)

Committee to Revise the Course of Study

(Appointed by the President of the General Conference)

Rev. A. N. Ward (W. M. Col.)	Rev. J. C. Williams
Rev. H. L. Elderdice (W. T. S.)	(Westminster)
Rev. H. L. Feeman (Ad'n Col.)	Pres. Gen. Conf.

Committee to Revise the Ritual

(Appointed by the President of the General Conference)

Rev. L. E. Davis (Pittsburgh)	Rev. S. W. Taylor (N. C.)
Rev. H. L. Elderdice (Md.)	Pres. Gen. Conf.

We note the item referring to a request from the Federal Council of Churches in America that we pay \$2,000.00 annually to the expenses of the Council instead of \$250.00 as our last General Conference directed. We commend the Committee for paying just what the General Conference said pay. But in the work the Federal Council is doing we should perhaps have a larger share, so we would refer this item to the Finance Committee with the recommendation that they put into the Budget an annual amount of \$500.00 for the expenses of the Federal Council of Churches.

We gratefully acknowledge the efficient service rendered the denomination by Mr. H. C. Staley, as General Treasurer, without salary. We commend the Committee for its expression of thanks to Mr. Staley, and also wish in this way to extend to him the very great appreciation of this General Conference.

We also note the request which came from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society that the annual Thank-offering be counted as a special gift and not to be included in the Budget.

We think the Executive Committee acted wisely in granting that request in the manner it did. We would not have this General Conference do one thing that would in any way cripple the work of either one of the Woman's Missionary Societies; but we do believe that the Thank-offerings taken by these societies should be counted on the Budget. So we recommend that these societies be given allotments in the distribution of the budget which will allow them to take care of their work and still count their Thank-offering on the Budget.

We recommend the reference of the decisions made by the President of the General Conference and approved by the Executive Committee to the Judiciary Committee.

(Signed) A. G. DIXON, Chairman.

DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Your Committee would recommend that the following be substituted in the Discipline, Page 61, Section 3, on THE DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AND HIS RELATIONSHIP TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

3. (a) The President of the General Conference, by virtue of his office, shall be a member of each one of the Annual Conferences, and when present at the Annual Conference sessions he shall have the privilege of participating in any and all the discussions, but not the right to vote, except in his own Conference.

(b) He shall be recognized as the connectional officer of the denomination; and he shall be ex-officio the Chairman of the Executive Committee, and a member of all the Boards elected by the General Conference. He shall preside, when present, at all joint meetings of the various Boards, and be president of whatever committee or council may be chosen to direct the forward movements of the denomination during the quadrennium. He shall travel throughout the church, visiting Annual Conferences, advising with Annual Conference Presidents as to the work in their several districts, and giving special attention and care to the smaller Conferences.

(c) He shall call together for consultation the Secretaries of the various Boards, and together they shall formulate plans with a view of raising the budget in full, and the President of the Gen-

bring our people closer together more frequently and suggest the reference of this Item of his report to the Committee on State of the Church. We recommend that the Item of his report relating to the Washington Conference and the Kentucky and South Carolina Conferences be referred to the Committee on Boundaries, and approve his recommendation that the Spring Creek, Tennessee and Baltimore Conferences (colored) be stricken from our list of Conferences.

The responses, some voluntary and others at the appeal of the President, made by individuals and several of our Conferences, to the needs presented by our President for financial aid, are most gratifying.

Commendable as is the spirit of helpfulness and brotherly love thus shown, yet we concur with our President in the suggestion that some definite fund should be provided through the Budget and placed at his disposal for like emergencies, so that same should be immediately available when the necessity arises, and not dependent upon the personal efforts of the President to provide therefor and we recommend the reference of this Item to the Finance Committee, with the request to make provision therefor in the Budget.

We recommend the reference of the Item of his report as to reducing the cost of the Discipline to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

The Item of his report relating to our Church Finances we assume will be given due and careful consideration by the Finance Committee, and recommend it be so referred.

We approve the suggestion of our President that a Standing Committee should be raised to take into consideration the condition of our itinerant ministry, and so recommend.

We recommend that the five overtures presented by the President of the General Conference be submitted to the Annual Conferences.

(Signed) A. G. DIXON, Chairman,

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

(See Report of Committee, Appendix, Page 3.)

The quarterly reports of the Executive Committee have come to us through the church papers, and in this way all of us have been informed of the actions of that Committee. The Committee has had some difficult problems to wrestle with. They are men with human limitations just as we are, but we feel sure that in every case they met and faithfully tried to solve these problems in the very best possible way.

We regret that the Committee was placed in the position of having to render a decision which changed the basis of distribution of the Budget among the Boards after one basis had been in operation for about a year; but when called upon for a decision the Committee had to render its decision according to the language used in the report of the Finance Committee of the General Conference of 1920.

However much anyone may differ with the Committee as to the spirit of that report, all of us must agree that, based upon the actual language of the report, the Committee rendered the only decision that could be given.

We trust that the language directing the distribution of the Budget for this quadrennium may be so clear and so explicit, and that the percentages of distribution may be so just that there will be no cause for a change in the basis of distribution during the quadrennium.

of the papers to the denomination is of such an essential nature that the loss sustained by their publication must be considered incidental. However, common sense dictates that we should hasten the day when these papers will pay their own way. The Publishing Agents assure us that a circulation of from fifteen to twenty thousand each would change this usual loss into a profit. We are aware, too, that there is hardly a greater need known in the church than for the increase of the circulation of these papers. Hoping to challenge the entire denomination to a great and useful task, we offer the following set of quotas for the Annual Conference with the earnest hope that a conscientious effort be made at their attainment.

A combined general goal of twenty-five thousand annual subscriptions is proposed and distributed among the annual conferences as follows.

Alabama 1,028, Arkansas 514, Colorado-Texas 258, Eastern 771, Fort Smith-Oklahoma 514, Georgia 257, Illinois 514, Indiana 1,285, Iowa-Missouri 514, Kansas 257, Kentucky 257, Louisiana 514, Maryland 4,369, Michigan 514, Missouri 257, Mississippi 514, North Carolina 3,342, North Mississippi 257, Ohio 2,287, Onondaga, 257, Pittsburgh 1,799, South Carolina 257, Tennessee 257, Texas 771, Virginia 257, West Virginia 2,570, Washington 150.

It is to be understood that subscriptions to either paper count towards these quotas.

We are pleased to report the following list of Sunday School publications now being produced under the direction of Editor, Dr. C. E. Wilbur:

Teacher's Journal—For Teachers and Senior Intermediate Classes.

Senior Quarterly—For Senior Scholars.

Intermediate Quarterly—For Intermediate Scholars 12 to 15 years of age.

Junior Teacher's Journal.

Junior Quarterly—For Scholars 9 to 12 years of age.

Adult and Home Department Quarterly.

Lesson Leaf—Monthly.

Our Children—An Illustrated Lesson paper for Little Ones.

The New Guide.

Bible Lesson Picture Cards.

Bible Lesson Picture Roll.

Group Pupils' Lesson Stories, with Handwork, and seventeen years of the Graded Series.

Two new papers will soon be issued for Intermediate girls and boys. Also a primary Teacher's Journal will be added at an early date.

We wish to approve the plan to place the Methodist Recorder and the Methodist Protestant in Sunday Schools at Club Rates.

We offer the following recommendations based upon papers that have been referred to us or upon proposals that have been made to us:

1. That the publication of a page of Missionary information each month in our Sunday School Quarterlies be resumed at the expense of the Board of Publication.

2. That Stover's Efficiency Sunday School Teacher's Class Book be offered for extensive use.

3. That it does not seem advisable at this time to publish a loose leaf Church Register.

4. That the report of the special committee on Consolidation of Publishing Interests be not approved.

5. That the Board of Publication be requested to furnish a cheaper Discipline for general distribution if it is found possible

eral Conference shall direct in the execution of the same. He shall also have the power to call together pastors and laymen of any section of the church when he feels that there coming together will be wise.

(d) He shall keep in view during the quadrennium the entire program adopted by the General Conference and see to it that the agencies entrusted with any part of the program perform their duties. He shall also have the power to call to his assistance any person or persons, as his judgment may direct, to assist in conducting a campaign, or campaigns, to teach our people the fundamental principles of Christian Stewardship.

(Signed) A. G. DIXON, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

(See Report of Directories, Appendix, Pages 209-223.)

Your Committee on Publishing Interests reports as follows:

We have studied with care the report of the Board of Publication, which included a statement signed by the President, Rev. C. M. Lippincott, and the Secretary, Rev. G. W. Haddaway, a report of the Pittsburgh Directory with the audit by Edward R. Burt & Company, certified public accountants, attached, and a report of the Baltimore Directory with an audit by Ernest E. Wooden, certified public accountant, attached. Publishing agents, L. H. Neiplin and Charles Reiner, Jr., appeared before the Committee and made extensive comments upon their work and explanation concerning their respective Directories. Editors, Dr. Lyman E. Davis of the Methodist Recorder, Dr. F. T. Benson of the Methodist Protestant, and Dr. C. E. Wilbur of the Sunday School literature, were called. Based upon the information that we have gained from these reports and statements made to us, we wish to report to you that on the whole the quadrennium has been one of advancement and expansion in the business activities of both Directories. Each has acquired adequate facilities for conducting an extensive printing business aside from the printing of our own publications. The purchase of a new building in Pittsburgh, Pa., appears to have been a wise transaction. However, the debt which was incurred by the purchase will absorb the profits of the Pittsburgh Directory for a number of years. The Baltimore concern will soon be housed in a new building which is being erected by the Maryland Conference. Both Directories have increased their volume of trade, making good profits on the sale of Sunday School literature, from job printing and from the sale of books. The Editors and Publishing Agents alike have rendered distinguished and praiseworthy service during the quadrennium, in their respective departments. Harmony and Uniformity between the Directories have been productive of much success.

The Methodist Recorder and the Methodist Protestant have rendered a most real service to the denomination. Ably and sanely edited, they stand among the best religious publications in America. During the quadrennium the Methodist Recorder and the Methodist Protestant have been published at a loss of \$49,348.06, and \$27,925.84 respectively, or a total loss of \$77,273.90 for the quadrennium. Some difference in the method of bookkeeping accounts for a part of the loss for the Methodist Recorder as compared to the loss in the Methodist Protestant. This loss has been paid by the Directories out of the profits from other business. The value

Methodist Protestant literature that they may be intelligent Christians and learn to love their own denomination.

C. M. LIPPINCOTT, President.

G. W. HADDAWAY, Secretary.

Board of Publication, Methodist Protestant Church.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

(See Report of Board, Appendix, Pages 31 and 49.)

1. The Church of Jesus Christ must possess the missionary spirit, which is essentially the spirit of our Divine Lord and Savior who is the founder and head of the church. And the Church for the times must promote the spirit and work of missions among men and nations obeying the marching orders which the Great Captain of the world's salvation issued to his people nearly 1900 years ago when he said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, teach all nations, etc." For it has been truthfully said that "a church that is not a missionary church will soon be a missing church."

2. It is therefore a matter of encouragement for all our people to know that our beloved denomination has always recognized this vitally important obligation, and has sought to have a part in the great and glorious work of the evangelization of the world. For 30 years our church has had an organized work in Japan known as the Japan Mission Conference. And today we have in that conference 20 ministers and 17 preachers and evangelists; 19 organized churches, 13 organized chapels and 24 other preaching places; 2,048 church members, 315 probationers, 54 Sunday schools, 3,234 Sunday School scholars; and the Tokyo Blind School with an enrollment of 99, the Yokohama School of English with 307 students, the Hiratsuka Night School with 30, the Yokkaichi Night School with 40, and the Nagoya Middle School with 1,040 students, 114 graduates in March 1924 and 110 students baptized. All these schools are doing good work. As an example of the interest taken in these schools by the Japanese we note the fact that the students of the Nagoya Middle School are raising 50,000 yen for new buildings and equipment, 47,000 of which have already been paid.

In the China Mission Conference, organized in December 1919 with 1 American minister, Rev. Dr. Charles S. Heininger, as president, we now have 2 ministers, 20 preachers and 3 evangelists; 1,563 church members, 315 probationers, 5 Sunday schools and 272 Sunday School scholars; 3 theological students, 1 in a U. S. Seminary.

We are pleased to report that steps have been taken to organize the India Mission Conference which now has 3 ministers, 9 preachers and 5 Bible women; 1 organized church with others forming and over 100 villages needing pastors; 175 church members, 5 Sunday schools with 445 scholars and 9 theological students.

3. The report of the Board of Foreign Missions for the past quadrennium has in it much valuable information and many important facts to which we would like to call attention, but we cannot do so in this report. We most earnestly commend this splendid report to all our people as being worthy of their careful reading and study, and we would urge all our pastors to place it before the members in some way. It will furnish ample material for many sermons on missions. In this connection we invite attention to the excellent report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for the past 4 years. Their receipts amount to \$199,042.04, an increase over the past quadrennium of \$51,339.00. Their work in the three

to do so without cheapening the quality of the material and the character of the book.

6. That the Board of Publication meet annually and the Directories quarterly.

7. That the Editors of the Methodist Recorder and the Methodist Protestant exchange News Sheets.

8. Of the profits accruing annually to the Board of Publication as determined by the accountant auditing the accounts, 10% shall be annually paid to the Treasurer of the General Fund for Superannuates.

The following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of the conference and ordered to be included as a part of the report of the Committee on Publishing Interests.

"Resolved, That we wish to express our heartiest appreciation of the services rendered by Dr. C. E. Wilbur, retiring editor of the Sunday School literature, during the twenty-six years he has occupied this position.

Dr. Wilbur achieved distinction among Sunday School Lesson authorities by years of service on the Committee that selects the International Lessons, and has visited many nations in connection with his work.

Having met in the most efficient way all opportunities for service, and having stood every test of character and Christian fellowship, he must ever abide in the high and affectionate esteem of the entire church."

Respectfully Submitted,

J. C. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

To the General Conference of the
Methodist Protestant Church
Assembled at Tiffin, Ohio.

We herewith submit the reports of the Baltimore Book Directory, and the Pittsburgh Book Directory for the quadrennium ending April 29, 1924.

We wish to call the attention of the Conference to the fact that the Methodist Protestant and the Methodist Recorder are the two greatest advertising mediums of the denomination. In these papers are found all the information of the work of the different Boards of the Church. If we were to charge the four Missionary Boards and the Board of Education and the Board of Young People's Work for all the advertising matter they print in our columns the papers would not run behind financially. We feel that if we were not to receive one dollar in subscriptions that the two church papers would still be a very valuable asset to the church. The overhead expenses cannot be compared with the receipts for there is no possible way of calculating the real receipts,—the exact amount in dollars and cents that comes to our denominational Boards through the medium of these two papers.

If every Methodist Protestant family received and read one of the church papers they would know of the work our denomination is doing and attempting to do. We therefore feel that our work is to circulate these papers and put into the hands of our church people

Board of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society for election by the General Conference. The Union Board shall meet as soon as practicable after General Conference, for the purpose of organizing.

ARTICLE 2.

The officers of the Union Board shall be a President, Vice-President and Recording Secretary, elected annually by the Union Board.

ARTICLE 3.

The Union Board shall meet quarterly and its annual meeting shall be held in the month of May. Special meetings may be called by the President and the Recording Secretary, or by the President and the Executive Secretaries. Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 4.

The headquarters of the Union Board shall be located in Pittsburgh, Pa., but meetings may be held elsewhere.

ARTICLE 5.

1. The Union Board shall have authority to make its own rules and regulations, to fill all vacancies occurring in the interim of the General Conference, establish missions in foreign lands, employ missionaries and organizers, fix salaries, supervise their work, and change and remove them as the interests of the work may demand, provided no action shall be taken which violates contracts already entered into by the Board and the Society; to control and apply the funds in the treasury, to prepare and distribute literature; to develop missionary education throughout the Church; and to publish a periodical in the interests of its work.

2. It shall publish an annual and quadrennial report of its administrative affairs, and of the condition in the foreign fields.

3. At the first meeting of the Union Board and at each annual meeting thereafter the following standing committee shall be elected:

On Estimates	Four members
Auditing Committee	Two "
Candidates	Four "
Girl's Schools.....	Three "
Boy's Schools.....	Three "
Evangelistic Work.....	Two "
Scholarships, Bible Women, etc.....	Two "
Literature	Two "
Young People's Work.....	Two "
Auxiliaries	Three "
Children's Day and Thank-Offering.....	Two "
Mission Study Classes.....	Executive Secretaries
Publications	The President, Executive Secretaries

4 PUBLICATIONS. A monthly magazine covering the entire foreign missionary interests of the denomination shall be issued. An editor shall be elected by the Union Board annually, all plans are to have the approval of the Union Board, and the details shall be worked out by the Committee on Publications.

A Children's Day Service shall be issued annually, and shall bear the imprint of the Union Board of Foreign Missionary Administration, as shall all other publications issued in the interest of the Foreign Missionary enterprise.

ARTICLE 6.

The Executive Secretaries shall make quarterly and annual reports to the Union Board, provide suggestive plans and policies for the missionary education of the church, conduct correspondence,

foreign fields is growing and is promising. Added interest has been given by the recent visit to our foreign missions of a deputation consisting of Mrs. W. M. Sturgeon, Corresponding Secretary, and Miss Annie L. Forrest, Organizer. Their report shows that the subscription list of the Woman's Missionary Record has been largely increased, and the magazine is now self-supporting. New buildings are being erected and more missionaries are being sent out. In 1920 Dr. Roberta Fleagle went to China, and in September of 1923 Miss Mildred Miskimen, of Ohio, went to India as a teacher.

4. It is with sadness that we note the loss sustained by our foreign missions, not only on account of the great earthquake and fire of last September, but in the removal by death of a number of the workers; viz. Dr. E. H. Van Dyke in 1922, Mrs. H. Hamnett, wife of Dr. Hamnett, in 1922, Miss Mattie Long in November 1923, and Miss Alice Sheppard, who lies buried in a little cemetery in far-away Kalgan.

5. It is the judgement of your committee that our mission work in all of these fields, and represented by the two foreign missionary organizations, should be encouraged and generously supported by all our people, pastors and conferences. The work deserves the zealous co-operation of all. Especially do we hope and pray that the damage sustained from the earthquake may be repaired as far as possible at the earliest possible date.

6. We note with pleasure the presence of three of our foreign missionaries in this General Conference, Rev. Dr. Leigh Layman, Rev. Dr. C. S. Heininger and wife, and Olive I. Hodges, all now on furlough in America. In addition to these we have enjoyed hearing and meeting two native workers, Mr. William Wang of China and Miss Fumi Jo of Japan, now in this country being educated.

Recommendations.

1. The Board of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society having agreed on a basis of union, as set forth in the accompanying Preamble and Constitution, your Committee would recommend the union of these boards.

2. That the entire church be urged to offer special prayer for missions on the first Sunday of each month throughout the quadrennium.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. COBURN, Chairman.

Preamble

In order that the Foreign Missionary Work of our denomination shall be conducted in the most efficient way possible, we recommend the organization of a Union Board of Foreign Missionary Administration whose function shall be to administer the work now being carried on by the Board of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

The Constitution herewith submitted shall not interfere with the normal organization, activities, or legal identity of the Board of Foreign Missions or the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNION BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONARY ADMINISTRATION OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

ARTICLE 1.

The Union Board of Foreign Missionary Administration shall consist of the members of the Board of Foreign Missions and an equal number of the members of the Executive Board of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Executive Secretaries of each body. The women shall be recommended by the Executive

ments of the items shown therein to be worthy of the most careful and prayerful consideration of this conference. A casual study of this survey should convince even the most skeptical that there is a great future for our beloved church; and if we only can find the men and the means to enter these inviting fields we believe there would be great cause for joy when we come together in the meeting of the next session of our General Conference.

In considering the suggested program of the Board of Home Missions, we find that items 1, 2, and 5 are covered by the Committee on the State of the Church, and items 6 and 8 have been referred to the Committee on Finance; we therefore are making no reference to the aforesaid items in our report.

Recommendations

1. Concerning the resolution relating to the Arcadian French in Louisiana referred to us by this conference, we recommend that the entire matter be placed in the hands of the President of the General Conference with full power to act.

2. We have given careful consideration to that item in the report referring to the creation of a Rural Church Department with a full time Assistant Secretary, and we believe that the state of the treasury of the General Conference would not at this time permit the creation of such a department. But we do think that much work preliminary thereto might be done by each annual conference without entailing any expense to the General Church.

So we recommend that such a department be created in those conferences where it might function to care for those interests and activities affected by it with a view to putting on the full time Assistant Secretary later. And if in the judgment of the Executive Committee such a department might and should be created during the interim of the General Conference, the said Committee may authorize the Board of Home Missions to create such a department.

3. Believing that specific aims bring the greatest results, we recommend as a slogan for our Home Missionary activities during the coming four years the following:

"A New Methodist Protestant Church organized and properly housed in an important town or city in every conference during the coming quadrennium."

We urge the slogan be kept before the attention of all of our conferences through the efforts of the Secretaries of the Board of Home Missions and the various Boards of Church Extension or kindred organizations.

4. We recommend that all annual conferences with Boards of Church Extension or similar organizations be linked in some vital relation to the Board of Home Missions for the purpose of greater efficiency in the work attempted by these boards. And we recommend that the Secretary of the Board of Home Missions sustain a sympathetic relationship to these Boards of Church Extension and similar organizations; to counsel and advise with their members in building projects, and in their programs for raising money for Church Extension where both Boards are interested, and if some of our annual conferences do not have Boards of Church Extension we would respectfully call their attention to the requirements of the Discipline.

Woman's Home Missionary Society

As to the Woman's Home Missionary Society we beg leave to call the attention of the Conference to their report which reveals a most healthy condition and splendid growth during the past quadrennium.

publish to the churches statements of the conditions, needs and prospects of the Missions, and discharge such other duties as the Union Board may direct.

ARTICLE 7.

The Committee on Estimates shall consider the work and needs of the different fields—the Missions Stations, schools, hospitals, etc.,—the number of persons to be employed in each, and the amount needed for the same, and also for the administrative expenses of the Union Board and shall submit their report to the Board for its adoption at its annual meeting.

ARTICLE 8.

The Union Board shall administer the income of the Board of Foreign Missions and of the Woman's Missionary Society from whatever sources secured, and shall apportion the same according to the needs of the work, provided however that funds given for special purposes shall be applied to the purposes for which they were given.

ARTICLE 9.

The general church treasurer shall hold all the funds of the Union Board, except the securities in charge of authorized custodians, and he shall disburse the same only on vouchers signed by the President of the Union Board and the two Executive Secretaries.

He shall furnish the Union Board monthly and annual reports; the annual report to be published with that of the Executive Secretaries.

He shall be bonded in such sum as the Union Board may direct; such bond to be approved by the Executive officers of the Union Board.

ARTICLE 10.

All property acquired during the 1924-1928 quadrennium by the Board of Foreign Missions shall be held by said Board; and likewise all property acquired during the quadrennium by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be held by said society.

REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

(See Report of Board, Appendix, Pages 53 and 107.)

Your Committee on Home Missions respectfully submits the following report.

We have gone, with considerable care, over the reports of the Board of Home Missions, of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and we note with peculiar pleasure the evidence of progress contained therein.

As to the work of the Board of Home Missions, we find that churches in the following conferences have been aided by it during the past quadrennium:—Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado-Texas, Eastern, Florida, Fort Smith-Oklahoma, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa-Missouri, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, North Carolina, West Virginia, Ohio, Onondaga, Pittsburgh, Texas, Washington Mission, Virginia.

We would commend the enterprise and wisdom of the Secretary of the Board of Home Missions in the publication from time to time of tracts, leaflets, booklets, posters, etc. Also for furnishing articles in our denominational papers setting forth the work and the needs of the Board weekly.

We desire to call the attention of this Conference to the survey of the fields made by the Secretary, believing that the state-

4. That a survey be made by the Board of Education in conjunction with the Board of Home Missions of our whole colored work in Texas and the result of the same be brought to the attention of such authority as the General Conference may designate.

5. That the Christmas Season be especially reserved for the Board of Education.

6. That the General Conference authorize the Board of Education to arrange for seminary scholarships to men having an Academic Degree from one of our colleges, in place of the loan now made. These scholarships to be safe-guarded by notes which will be cancelled after active service in the ministry of Methodist Protestant Church.

7. That interest rate in Student Loan Fund be changed from 2% to 4%.

8. That the constitution of the Board of Education as printed in the Discipline be edited in a manner to conform with the facts.

Adrian College.

We are fortunate in having as President of Adrian College a man of the type of Dr. Harlan L. Feeman. He is referred to as the most influential and outstanding man in Lenawee County in which Adrian is located. The present enrollment at Adrian is the largest that it has been in many years, and an atmosphere of hope obtains that adds new life to the College. The great need at Adrian at the present time is sufficient endowment to meet the standard requirement of the North Central Association of Colleges. Adrian has an endowment of \$60,000.00 and the endowment required to make it an accredited College is \$500,000.00.

In reviewing the situation at Adrian we discover that the College is not receiving from the local Methodist Protestant Church the support and co-operation we would naturally expect, and that the efficiency of the program of religious education naturally requires.

We would recommend that the President of the General Conference take the matter in hand with a view to enlisting the co-operation of the church in question.

We recommend as Trustees for Adrian College to serve until the year indicated the following:

Frank Lyons.....	1932	S. E. Watters.....	1932
M. D. Thrush.....	"	Colvin Ryan.....	"
W. W. Conaway.....	"	Ely D. Miller.....	"
Worth Kilpatrick.....	"	W. W. Burke.....	"
R. T. Lewis.....	"	J. W. Hawley.....	"
L. E. Davis.....	"	Frank Overmeyer.....	1928
Robert Rawsthorne, Jr....	"	J. E. Tripp.....	1928

High Point College

We hail with joy the realization of the long cherished hope of our folks in North Carolina for a Methodist Protestant Educational Institution in their midst. This new college, with four buildings completed and a faculty of thirteen members, under the acting presidency of Dr. R. M. Andrews, is to open this fall. In addition thereto a home for the President, and a faculty apartment are in contemplation.

The assets of the institution are figured at \$456,000.00, and the indebtedness at \$150,000.00. We wish this new enterprise God speed in all its ways.

In order that the conference may appreciate something of the great progress made by this society, we give the following percentages: The increase in the number of Branches has been 129 per cent; in Auxiliaries, 310 per cent; in membership, 200 per cent. While the amounts collected for the past quadrennium exceed that collected during the previous quadrennium by \$61,120; the Society having raised during the past quadrennium \$84,000.00.

We have noted with great pleasure the work being done among our Mountain folks by Dr. and Mrs. Woodford at Pine Ridge, Ky., and the work for orphan children in North Carolina by Supt. H. A. Garrett and his co-laborers. We desire also to call your attention to the work done in the Pittsburgh Mission for foreign born children and for Tubercular people in the Bethel Home at Weaverville, N. Carolina, by the Rev. Homer Casto. We are pleased to have called to our attention the New Home in Baltimore for Business Girls and other worthy enterprises undertaken by this Society.

R. M. ANDREWS, Chairman
A. L. WOOTON,
B. A. BROOKS,
L. E. OLDAKER,
E. R. VINCENT,
FRED P. ADKINS,
V. W. IDOL.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(See Report of Board, Appendix, Page 123.)

Your Committee on Education offers the following report: We have reviewed and examined the Quadrennial report of the Board of Education. We have also listened with interest and care to all those who have been concerned in the educational enterprises of our church, as they come before us. While all our Educational Institutions need the consecrated effort and enlarged gifts of our whole constituency in the next quadrennium, it is encouraging to note the fact that the past quadrennium has shown an encouraging advance along all lines educational. We commend the heads of our religious institutions for their sacrifice and their ability in coping with their respective educational problems, and we affirm our belief in the faculties of our educational institutions. We wish to express our appreciation of the work done by the Secretary of the Board of Education, Dr. G. H. Miller; for his intense interest and consecrated sacrifice in behalf of our educational institutions, and his loyal devotion to every detail which has demanded his attention.

The secretary has also given careful consideration to his work in dealing with ministerial education. Eighty-one men have received help during the quadrennium. The securities held in the Permanent Fund Ministerial Education now total \$50,545.31 in which is included the Manrow Annuity of \$2500.00

Recommendations:

1. That the College at High Point be recognized as a Methodist Protestant Institution under the care of the Board of Education.
2. That the General Conference grant our Educational Institutions, under the direction of the Board of Education, authority to conduct campaigns for endowment or building purposes, during the quadrennium within their recognized territory.
3. That recommendations three and four of the report of the Board of Education be referred to the Finance Committee.

men who are seeking theological training go to our own Seminary at Westminster, Maryland. We recommend for the Board of Governors the following names:

Rev. John M. Gill,
Rev. Perry E. Grimm,
T. Pliny Fisher,
Rev. Joseph L. Mills,
Rev. J. W. Kirk,
Prof. T. C. Miller,

T. A. Mather,
Rev. Dwight L. Custis,
J. E. Cunningham,
F. R. Harris,
Rev. H. L. Elderdice.

Your Committee desires to express its profound appreciation of the long and efficient service of the former President of the Board of Education, Mr. J. W. Knott of Brighton, Pa.

Out of an extensive business experience he was able to bring to the solution of the problems of the Board a well trained mind. His advice has been invaluable, and his generous gifts to the Board reflected his deep interest. Because of having passed the four score mark he desires to be left off the permanent Board that is to be elected.

It is with reluctance that we honor his desire.

In adding this note of appreciation we understand that the Committee on Nominations will suggest the name of Bro. Knott on what may be regarded as the temporary Board of Education.

A paper was before your Committee from the Indiana Conference relative to the merging of Kansas City University and Adrian College and relocation. With this paper, your Committee does not concur.

With recommendation number 2 of the report of President H. L. Feeman, relating to a plan of scholarships, and with recommendations number 3 and 4, relating to a reduction of the number of trustees at Adrian College, and with recommendation number 5, relating to the appointment of a commission on a permanent policy for Adrian College, we concur.

As members of that commission we recommend the following:

L. B. Hull,
C. J. Morton,
J. C. Kinneer,
C. S. Pitchie,
O. R. Stilson,

Perry E. Grimm,
Harry Shaw,
B. J. Fultz,
C. J. McConnell.

A paper presented by the Board of Education relating to endowment funds was before your Committee, and with the same we concur.

1. The Endowment Funds of the educational institutions under the authority of the denomination may be placed by such institutions as may select so to do in the hands of the Board of Education for investment by the Board of Education as trustee in securities to be approved by the Board and the interest accruing therefrom shall be paid as received to the institution from whose fund the same is received; the funds of each institution to be kept separate and distinct and designated by the name of the institution.

2. All money securities and property hereafter given or bequeathed to or for the use of any educational institution under the authority of the denomination shall be placed in the hands of the Board of Education for investment and shall be kept separate and distinct and designated by the name of the institution for whose use the same was given or bequeathed and shall be invested in securities approved by the Board and the interest accruing therefrom shall be paid as received to the institution for whose use the fund was given or bequeathed.

Kansas City University.

Dr. May the new chancellor of Kansas City University, appeared before your Committee, and in a lucid manner interpreted for us the situation in Kansas City University. This is the first time that a member of the United Brethren Church has occupied the chancellorship. Your Committee was very favorably impressed with the apparent ability of this new leader.

He made it plain that the United Brethren folks in the territory of Kansas City University are ready to join with our people in a campaign for endowment funds for the University.

We recommend as Trustees of Kansas City University the following named persons:

Lyman E. Davis, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 A. L. Cook, Kansas City, Kansas.
 K. L. Browne, Kansas City, Kansas.
 C. R. Green, Maxwell, Iowa.
 A. N. Ward, Westminster, Md.
 J. F. Howe, Ionia, Mo.
 B. A. Brooks, Ash Grove, Kansas.
 A. W. Allen, Kansas City, Kansas.
 A. M. Kopf, Farmington, Iowa.
 C. O. Harvey, Chicago, Illinois.
 Raymond O. Youmans, Kansas City, Kansas.
 Claude Ruff, Ohio, Illinois.

Westminster College

Rev. J. A. Phipps, a member of the Board of Regents of Westminster College, appeared before your Committee and presented a very illuminating statement concerning the situation at Tehuacana.

The Board of Regents is endeavoring to bring the High School department of the College up to the requirements of the State Board of Education, and to also arrange matters as to bring the institution up to the recognized standards of a Junior College.

The School has an endowment of \$30,000.00, and also some local indebtedness.

Western Maryland.

Western Maryland College is the largest of our educational institutions in America, and we rejoice with President A. N. Ward in its continued growth during the past quadrennium.

For many years the College has been receiving aid from the State of Maryland in the form of scholarships. This source of income is threatened at the present time, hence the necessity for larger endowment.

Western Maryland in order to qualify as an accredited A 1 College must have an endowment of at least \$500,000.00. At the present time it has \$300,000.00. The State of Maryland has promised the sum of \$125,000.00 for the erection of a Science building on condition that the College raise \$250,000.00 for endowment within the next three years.

Westminster Theological Seminary.

One of the notable achievements of the quadrennium has been the erection of our new seminary building at Westminster at a cost of \$115,000.00. Too much credit cannot be given for this achievement to the wise and untiring efforts of the president of the seminary, Dr. H. L. Elderdice. We approve of the efforts that are being put forth to secure a new residence for the President, and also Conference Cottages for members of the faculty. We would lay it upon all the Conferences to see to it that their young

We urge the establishment of training classes for leaders in Christian work, stewardship, personal evangelism, and Bible teaching in all our churches and communities.

We call attention to the growing sentiment in favor of daily vacation and summer Bible Schools, and of week day religious education throughout our land, and urge our leaders to qualify to meet this eminent need.

We heartily endorse the Friends of Christ Campaign of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, and urge our union leaders to have the charts of this campaign adopted by all our Christian Endeavor Societies. We urge the organization of new Christian Endeavor Societies in all our churches, and the grading of all C. E. Forces into Junior, Intermediate and Senior Societies, with Alumni Councils for older and more mature leaders in this great work of the church.

Recommendations.

1. We recommend that the entire program of the Board as set forth in its report be adopted as the standard for the next quadrennium.

2. Inasmuch as the United Society of Christian Endeavor provides that the Secretary of the Board is entitled to membership among the Trustees of the United Society, and that this Society invites us to nominate one other member as a Trustee, we therefore recommend that this General Conference elect a Trustee to the United Society of Christian Endeavor.

(Signed) C. S. KIDD, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATES

(See Report of Board, Appendix, Page 203.)

Your Committee on Superannuates herewith submits its report for consideration.

We express our appreciation of the substantial check received from the Baltimore Directory to be added to the Invested Fund.

We also express our sincere appreciation of the very thorough work done by the Special Committee appointed to prepare Articles of Incorporation and By laws governing our Superannuate Fund Organization.

No more meritorious cause claims the attention of this body than the care for our retired ministers, and the same should enlist the active participation of the entire church.

We recommend therefore,

1. That it be incumbent upon the Board of Managers to keep the interest of this Board before the church.

2. That we approve the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws as prepared by the Committee appointed to prepare the same with the following changes:

(a) Article 7 to read, fifty thousand dollars instead of thirty thousand dollars as at present.

(b) Section nine add, "immediately preceding his or her superannuation provided nothing herein shall interfere with the legal rights of any minister involved."

(c) Add to Section 13, said, "change or changes to be approved by succeeding General Conference."

We recommend that the apportionment of 4% of the budget as at present be continued.

(Signed) E. T. HOWE, Chairman.

3. The Board of Education is authorized to raise funds for endowment purposes of the several educational institutions under the authority of the denomination to be designated "Endowment Fund" and to invest the same in such securities as the Board shall approve and to make allotment of the interest accruing therefrom as it shall from time to time deem to be for the advancement of the educational interests of the denomination.

J. C. BROOMFIELD, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

(See Report of Board, Appendix, Page 113.)

Your committee has examined the report of the Board of Young People's Work, and rejoices in the achievements of our leaders in behalf of the forces of youth throughout our conferences. Though this Board has been in existence sixteen years, and has been fortunate in having as its secretaries some of the most efficient ministers in the denomination, yet we feel that this great department is still in its formative state, and that it now faces the brightest immediate prospects for religious education in all our history.

The time for urging the necessity of training the youth of our churches has now passed, and has given place to time and energy spent in answering the calls for leaders who are capable of supplying the instruction and training that are actually being sought.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the pioneers in this work. The name and memory of Charles H. Hubbell can never be effaced. Drs. H. L. Feeman and A. G. Dixon share the honor of bringing this experiment up to what is now perhaps the most imperative task within the actual bounds of our churches. Our present General Secretary, Rev. E. A. Sexsmith, has had only a little more than a year to devote to this work. As to the results of his efficient and untiring labors we hear practically nothing from his lips, but much indeed from the field. A diligent student of problems and methods, a keen observer of similar work on the part of other denominational and interdenominational bodies, and a master in detail, he has applied himself to the task of presenting a standard course of studies for schools of methods, institutes and summer conferences the superior to which we cannot find. We unhesitatingly agree that we have in him a leader to be depended upon to offer us the very best to be had for the young people and their leaders in all our conferences and churches.

The proposed program announced by the Board challenges the attention of every member of this conference. We note with pleasure that plans and dates have been effected for at least ten summer conferences in as many conference districts during the approaching summer months. We urge the establishment of such institutes in every conference, and that our leaders in the smaller conferences "despise not the day of small things." In the matter of training the youth "Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." When given a fair trial for just a few years. it will automatically solve many such problems as that of full-time pastorates and others now under consideration. We believe that it would be a good investment, if necessary, to provide the funds out of our general treasury to finance such institutes in conferences where this work is being neglected. We believe it is just as imperative to afford additional training and vision to their ministers.

Strike out the second sentence of Article I of Constitution of the Board of Young People's Work, page 102, and make the form accord to a previous action of the General Conference by omitting from next printing the words "and the President of each Annual Conference Young People's Union."

Add to "Order of Business for Quarterly Conferences," page 48, Section 6.

"Ladies' Aid Societies, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Woman's Home Missionary Society, and Brotherhoods."

Insert in Part 5, Section 2, paragraph 8, page 108, second sentence line 21, "To keep during the tenure of his pastorate the Church Register in official form, which shall be a permanent and historical record of the relationship of all members who may have been at any time in the communion of the church."

The Committee has considered the suggestion of the President of the General Conference for a recasting of the form of our Book of Discipline and believes that the plan will be a great gain in clarity and convenience. The Committee recommends that the President of the General Conference be requested to make this rearrangement of the contents of the Discipline, to incorporate in the new form the results of the overtures now being sent to the Annual Conferences, and have the Discipline printed as soon as convenient.

We recommend that the Publishing Agents be requested to consider the publication of a separate edition of the ritual, with wide margins, handsomely bound, to fill the need of those who desire a fine edition of our forms of worship.

The Committee has gone over the revised ritual authorized for tentative use by the last session of the General Conference. This ritual has now been before the church for more than two years. We recommend its adoption with the following changes which have been suggested by those using it:

Change "THE ORDER FOR ADMINISTRATION OF BAPTISM," page 127, line 19, from "precept and example" to "word and deed" and omit "precept and example" on page 128, line 6.

Change "RECEPTION INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP," Question and Answer, 1, page 138, lines 18-23, to read, "Do you acknowledge God as your Heavenly Father, confess Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, and accept The Holy Spirit as your Comforter and Guide?" Answer "I do."

On page 139 change to read:

The minister shall then announce the names of those who are to be received by certificate, and address them as follows, or if there are no others persons to be received except those presenting certificates from other churches, the minister shall address them in the words below omitting all in italics:

You also, dear brethren, I welcome cordially to a place among us. Satisfied with the testimonial of your Christian experience which you have presented to us, we only ask you to join with these other candidates in the following covenant:

In "FORM FOR THE SOLEMNIZATION OF MATRIMONY," page 142, line 27, following "I will" insert

If the parties desire, the following additional pledges may be required.

Then shall the minister say: "Who giveth this Woman to be married to this Man."

The minister shall cause the man with his right hand to take the woman by her right hand, and to say after him:

REPORT OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The Judiciary Committee respectfully submits the following report.

We have examined carefully the papers and the opinions of the President of the General Conference in the interpretation of the Laws of the Church submitted to us and the questions involved, and have concluded:

First—In the case of the late Rev. C. A. Isner we find that there is no contention between the Conferences involved in the transaction; they having adjusted the matter to their mutual satisfaction. There is therefore no cause for action by this Conference. We suggest that the President of the Ohio Conference return the transfer of the late C. A. Isner to the West Virginia Conference.

Second—In regard to the request from the North Carolina Representatives referred to this Committee it is our judgment that it was the intention of Brother Tucker that his estate, upon the death of his wife, should go to Ai Church, Oak Ridge Charge; that, in his will, he did not express clearly his intention, so that upon the death of his wife there was a question as to ownership; that since a Superior Court of North Carolina, in a friendly suit to determine the ownership, has decided that one half of the said estate belongs to the said Ai Church, and one half to the Methodist Protestant Church, one half of the said estate is at the disposal of this General Conference; and that its proper disposition should be determined by the same.

Third—We recommend that the opinions of the President of the General Conference in the interpretation of the Law of the Church during the years 1908 to 1912, found printed on pages 39 to 43 of the Journal of the General Conference of 1919, together with the opinions of the President of the General Conference read to us in his report at this session, and found on pages 7 to 12 of the Quadrennial Reports, be approved.

We commend further that the President of this General Conference be instructed to carefully compare these opinions, eliminate any duplications, and print them in our Discipline, giving reference to the laws in the Discipline which these Opinions construe.

Fourth—In the case of the request for an interpretation of the meaning of Section 15, Article 2, of the Discipline, page 53, we find that the clause "unless he promises that he will faithfully pursue the studies of his conference course" refers both as a condition to appointment to a pastoral charge and also to granting a license to administer the ordinances.

The last sentence Section 15, Article 2, page 53, is thus interpreted: An unstationed preacher who has preached three years under the license from a Quarterly Conference, one of these years as a member of our own denomination may be licensed by the Annual Conference to administer the ordinances; and, after he has been so licensed to administer the ordinances for three years, may be elected to orders.

(Signed) F. T. LITTLE, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION

We recommend:

Strike out the words "two-thirds" and insert "Majority" in Part 4, Section 1, paragraph 9, page 47, lines 38 and 41.

Strike out the words "if practicable" in Part 5, Section 2, paragraph 9, page 108, line 26.

quadrennial sessions. Through this committee the Board shall be amenable to the General Conference and shall report to each of its quadrennial sessions. This committee shall have its headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland."

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall meet monthly, or at the call of the President, to transact any business which the interest of the work shall require. A full report shall be submitted to the Board at its annual meeting for approval. Three shall constitute a quorum.

Page 86 insert between Paragraph 2 and 3 the following:

"It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep an accurate Record of the Meetings of the Board, and of each meeting of the Executive Committee."

Page 85, Article VIII, shall read "Article VII."

Page 86 strike out Article IX.

Change Article X to read "Article VIII."

Change Article XI to read "Article IX."

Page 86, Article XI, second paragraph, first line, strike out "Central Committee" or."

Change Article XII, Page 87, to read "Article X."

Page 87, Article XII, Paragraph 2, between line 3 and 4, after "Auditor," line 3, and before "and," line 4, add: "Secretaries of Departments," change "three" in last full line of said paragraph to "five."

Page 87, Article XII, Paragraph 4, insert in second line after "Branch" and before "shall" "and two other delegates."

Change Article XII to Article XI heading Page 88.

Article XI. Auxiliaries—Auxiliaries may be formed by any number of women who shall adopt rules of government in harmony with the Constitution. Each member of an Auxiliary shall contribute to the funds of the Society one dollar and twenty cents per year (10 cents a month), one dollar of which shall be for dues, ten cents for General Contingent Fund and ten cents for Branch Expense Fund.

Page 88 insert under "Constitution for Auxiliaries" (This is the Constitution for the Local Church).

Page 88, Article II, strike out "Board" and add "Home Missionary Society."

Page 88, Article III, fifth line, strike out "Board of," and sixth line, strike out "Missions" and add "Missionary Society."

Page 88 the following shall be substituted for articles III and IV:

"Any woman may become a member of this Society by assenting to the Constitution and paying one dollar and twenty cents per year. One dollar of the dues is for the support of the work assumed by the Woman's Home Missionary Society, the remaining twenty cents is contingent fund to be divided equally between the Branch and Executive Board. Gentlemen may become honorary members upon the payment of the regular dues of the Society."

Article IV. "The officers shall be: President, one or more Vice-Presidents, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer and Secretaries of Departments, who, together shall constitute an Executive Committee. Duties of officers shall be as is customary."

Page 9, Article VII, strike out "two-thirds vote at any annual meeting notice of which should be announced at a previous meeting," and substitute "the General Board as arranged for."

YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND CHILDREN'S WORK

Young People's Home Missionary Society

Any person, sixteen years and up, or until ready to enter the Adult Society, may become a member of the Young People's Home Missionary Society, by assenting to the Constitution and paying one

"I..... take thee..... to my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth."

Then shall they loose their hands; and the woman with her right hand taking the man by his right hand, shall likewise say after the minister:

"I..... take thee..... to my wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I give thee my troth."

In the "FORM FOR THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD" insert in "Scriptures Which Set Forth The Design and Gracious Consolation of Affliction," I Thessalonians 4:13-18 and II Corinthians 5:1.

We recommend:

1. On page 62, "General Conference," Section 3, at the end of the section, add: "In the event of a vacancy occurring in this office the Executive Committee may elect a person to fill the office until the meeting of the General Conference."

2. On Page 63, Section 6, strike out the last sentence of the section, and insert instead. "He shall act under the direction of the Executive Committee, and in the event of a vacancy occurring in the office the Executive Committee shall elect one to act until the meeting of the General Conference."

We recommend that the Ritual "Form for the Burial of the Dead" be amended by striking out the Apostle's Creed and combining the prayers on page 145 and 146.

We recommend that Sec. 13, page 109, be so changed as to read as follows: Should any pastor fail or neglect to make an honest effort to collect the amount of the assessment apportioned to his charge, he shall be reprimanded; and for second neglect he shall be left without an appointment.

We recommend the adoption of section "B" in the partial report of the Committee on Statistics.

A revision of the Constitution of the Woman's Home Missionary Society was referred to our committee. We recommend its adoption.

Page 84 change title to read: "Constitution of the Woman's Home Missionary Society."

Page 84, Article III, second paragraph, add: "Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) constitutes a Perpetual Membership. No membership dues can be used to elect to a Life, Memorial or Perpetual Membership."

Page 85, Article V, line 4 after "Auditor" insert "Secretaries of Departments," and in line 6 after "two" insert "other."

Page 85, Article V, line 7, after the word "Branch period" insert "Seven shall constitute a quorum."

Page 85 strike out the words "Article VI," making sections only, and substitute for Section 2 the following:

"This Board shall have general supervision over and direction of all the Home Missionary work engaged in by the women of the church."

Section 3. It shall have authority to appoint officers for the formation of new Branches until such time as the Conference organizations are complete; to employ field secretaries, organizers, mission workers, Bible women and teachers, and fix their salaries; establish missions and mission schools, buy, sell or otherwise dispose of its property.

Page 85, Article VII, shall read: "Article VI," Executive Committee. "The Executive Committee of the Society shall consist of twelve members elected by the General Conference at each of its

laymen and two ministers to constitute the Pittsburgh Book Directory of the Methodist Protestant Church. These two Directories with the President of the General Conference shall constitute the Board of Publication of the Methodist Protestant Church. The editors and publishing agents shall be honorary members of the directories and of the Board of Publication. The organization of the Board of Publication shall be completed by the General Conference by the election of the President and Secretary of said Board.

2. The editor and the publishing agent of the Methodist Protestant. The editor and the publishing agent of the Methodist Recorder. And the editor of the Sunday School publications.

3. Three Ministers and two laymen to constitute the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Protestant Church.

4. Three ministers and two laymen to constitute the Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Protestant Church.

5. Three ministers and two laymen to constitute the Board of Education of the Methodist Protestant Church.

6. Three ministers and two laymen to constitute the Board of Young People's Work of the Methodist Protestant Church.

7. Three ministers and two laymen to constitute the Board of Managers of the General Fund for Superannuates of the Methodist Protestant Church.

8. An Executive Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions; of the Board of Home Missions; of the Board of Education, and of the Board of Young People's Work. The Executive Secretary shall be ex-officio a member of the Board for which he is elected secretary.

9. Three ministers and two laymen, no two of whom shall be members of the same annual conference, to constitute the Executive Committee of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Sec. 18. No person shall be elected a member of more than one of these Boards, and no person shall be elected a member of any Board of which he is an employee or a beneficiary; and if a member shall become an employee or a beneficiary after his election, his membership in the Board shall become vacant. The President of the General Conference shall be ex-officio a member of all the Boards.

C. L. WHITAKER, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON BOUNDARIES

We, your Committee on Boundaries, submit the following report:

1. We recommend that Jackson County Missouri be detached from the Missouri District and that it be included in the Kansas District, and that the Missouri District shall consist of all the territory formerly contained in the Missouri District with the exception of Jackson County.

2. We recommend that the line between the Alabama and Florida Districts be abolished and that these two Districts be merged into one Conference to be known as the Alabama Conference.

3. We recommend that the boundaries of the Washington Mission Conference remain the same as they are at present including the entire state of Washington.

The relation of this Conference to the General Conference to which our attention has been called by the President of the General Conference in a special way asking for some recommendation by

dollar and twenty cents per year (10 cents per month) dues. One dollar of this goes into the work and the twenty cents is divided equally between the General Contingent Fund and the Branch Contingent Fund.

Article I. The officers shall be: President, one or more Vice-Presidents, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer and Secretaries of Departments, corresponding to those in the Branch, who together shall constitute an Executive Committee. Duties of officers shall be as customary.

Article II. The annual meeting shall be held in....., at which time the election of officers for the year shall take place.

Article III. This Constitution may be amended by the General Board.

Article IV. The Young People's Organizations shall be auxiliary to the Auxiliaries, or to the Conference Branch where there are no Auxiliaries, and shall be entitled to one delegate at the annual meeting of the Branch.

(For Rules of Order, see Rules of the General Board.)

Young People's Mission Club

Any person between the ages of twelve and sixteen years may become a member of the Young People's Mission Club, the dues to be five cents per month. The officers shall be President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, under the supervision of a Superintendent. Constitution being the same as Young People's Home Missionary Society.

Rules for Forming Mission Clubs

Article I. An association of children banded together to aid the Woman's Home Missionary Society of our church shall be called a Mission Club.

Article II. A child may become a member of a Mission Club by the payment of five cents per month and a pledge to increase the amount from mite-boxes and other sources. Parents and other adults may become honorary members by the annual payment of one dollar (\$1.00).

Article III. Each Mission Club shall have the superintendence of some lady in the church where it is formed, whose duty it shall be to watch over and direct their efforts; to devise useful means for raising money, and to see that all moneys collected are duly paid to the Branch Treasury to aid the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Article VI. Mission Clubs shall be auxiliary to Auxiliaries, or to the Conference Branch where there are no Auxiliaries, and shall be entitled to one delegate at the annual meeting of the Branch.

Home Circle

Any association of children between the ages of 6 to 12 or 14, banded together to aid the Woman's Home Missionary Society, shall be called "Home Circle" with dues 5 cents per month.

The officers shall be President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, to be under the supervision of a Superintendent.

Buds of Hope

Any child from birth to six years of age who pays the sum of 15 cents per year shall be enrolled as a Bud of Hope, and shall be presented with a certificate of membership.

We recommend that a new section be added to be known as section 17, in the chapter on General Conferences, in Part Fourth of the Discipline, which shall read as follows:

The General Conference shall elect at its quadrennial session,

1. Three laymen and two ministers to constitute the Baltimore Book Directory of the Methodist Protestant Church; and three

property interests of the entire denomination not included under local church property, and a Summary of all properties. Section one is broken into four parts: Numerical, Property, Local Interests, General Interests, External Benevolences, and Totals.

(b) In attempting to compile the statistics from the Annual Conference we find that some of the conferences do not publish their reports; others publish incomplete reports and still others publish statistics that are evidently inaccurate. As a result we are unable to present a complete and reliable report of our progress as a church from year to year.

We observe that there is no uniformity in the schedules adopted by the conferences. The statistical form authorized by the General Conference is not used in all the Annual Conferences, thus making the matter of obtaining a consistent report more difficult. Also, we find that there is an unnecessary delay in gathering statistics from the entire church and we are unprepared to report early in each calendar year when other communions are reporting.

We therefore, recommend the repeal of Section 5, page 62, under "General Conference," and the insertion in its stead of the following:

The Statistical Secretary shall prepare a report blank for use by Annual Conferences in gathering statistical information, and a tally-sheet corresponding to the report blanks; the Executive Committee first approving the form. These blanks and tally sheets shall be published by the Board of Publication and supplied to the Annual Conferences without charge. All Annual Conferences shall be required to use these blanks, but not to the exclusion of any other blank they may care to use for their own records. A copy of the tally-sheet shall be forwarded promptly to the Statistical Secretary, who shall as early as possible in January of each year compile and publish in the church papers the information thus obtained, together with such other statistical information as shall reflect the progress of the church. Each Annual Conference shall arrange to comply with this order by designating a proper officer to act in co-operation with the Statistical Secretary in obtaining complete and reliable reports.

reason of the unusual conditions existing in that Conference. We therefore, recommend that that Conference be granted special dispensation by this General Conference to hold its annual sessions and to transact the usual business pertaining thereunto, except the ordination of elders which together with other matters which to him may seem important shall be left in the hands of the President of the General Conference.

4. The attention of the Board of Publication and the Committee on Revision is called to the action of the General Conference of 1916, held at Zanesville, Ohio, upon the report of the Committee on Boundaries of the Indiana and Michigan Conferences in detaching from the Michigan Conference of the northern tier of counties of the State of Indiana and let it appear in the Book of Discipline in consonance with that action.

5. The Japan Mission Conference territory shall start at the city of Tokyo, follow the Tokaido, with adjacent territory, to the city of Yokkaichi.

6. The China Mission Conference territory shall include the province of Chihli, and the Chahar Administrative District.

7. The India Mission Conference territory shall be that part of the West Khandesh province which has been agreed upon with the Swedish Missionary Alliance.

8. Whereas the attention of the Committee on boundaries has been called to the action of the General Conference of 1920, recommending the merging of the Mississippi and the North Mississippi Conference, and, Whereas, this was not acceptable to either of these Conferences because of certain existing conditions, which now seem very largely to have been removed. Therefore, we renew this recommendation, and request the President of the General Conference to use his good offices to get the presidents of these two Conferences into correspondence with each other with the view of consolidation, and that he take such other steps as he may deem necessary to bring about closer fraternal relations.

9. Whereas, the President of the General Conference has called attention in a special way to conditions existing in the South Carolina Conference, suggesting some sympathetic relation by some contiguous conference. Therefore, we recommend the Supervisory relations of the South Carolina Conference by the Georgia Conference, and that the respective boundaries remain the same as they are.

10. Not wishing to appear as transcending our prerogatives, yet knowing that some expression is expected from this committee relative to the need in the Kentucky Conference, we recommend that the Ohio Conference give general oversight to the appointments of the Kentucky Conference, and develop such plans of co-operation as may have the approval of both conferences.

(Signed) J. P. Morgan, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS AND JOURNALS

To the General Conference:

Your Committee on Statistics and Journals reports as follows:

(a) The Statistical Report is for the calendar years, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, and appears in three sections. Section one exhibits the statistics year by year of each Annual Conference. This arrangement permits of a study of each conference, its gains, losses and omissions. Section two exhibits for each year the Summary of the items listed in Section One. Section Three shows the

STATISTICAL REPORT—1920, 1921, 1922, 1923—Continued

Part I.—Numerical

CONFERENCE		Ministers	Preachers	Churches	Full Members	Sunday Schools	Enrollment	C. E. Societies	Enrollment
Illinois	1920	43	5	43	4192	38	3763	14	366
	1921	40	8	42	2643	35	3885	20	462
	1922	46	8	81	3931	67	5746	24	563
	1923	38	5	74	3937	65	5728	16	383
Indiana	1920	53	11	127	8907	124	9041	41	727
	1921	59	15	128	8902	155	10179	59	974
	1922	55	17	123	9262	122	9474	43	739
	1923	55	18	122	9019	119	9465	41	947
Iowa-Missouri	1920	29	....	43	3475	43	3398	14	307
	1921	26	....	38	2817	37	2989	17	479
	1922	26	....	59	3532	44	3319	16	421
	1923	27	....	47	3487	46	3234	21	562
Kansas	1920	16	1	21	1177	18	1708	12	323
	1921	18	2	16	950	15	1272	14	502
	1922	16	2	22	1125	20	1923	19	561
	1923	15	3	23	1344	17	1823	19	721
Kentucky	1920	27	....	13	1047	17	1055	1	62
	1921	15	2	17	611	13	1120	4	173
	1922	12	3	10	500	10	870	3	150
	1923	12	3	20	831	18	1078	2	45
Louisiana	1920	40	14	64	2460	33	1299	4	110
	1921	36	12	58	2918	48	1800	5	142
	1922	34	8	57	3345	34	1681	7	121
	1923	39	11	56	2831	34	1498	5	174
Maryland	1920	149	3	291	34249	277	38163	175	6999
	1921	153	3	284	34674	271	39477	175	7317
	1922	157	5	288	34870	279	39985	210	8412
	1923	158	5	283	34722	273	40835	213	8246
Michigan	1920	69	12	111	4123	105	6775	21	562
	1921	68	15	115	4229	109	7954	25	769
	1922	65	16	114	5001	108	7895	28	637
	1923	65	20	114	4457	111	7677	21	624
Mississippi	1920	35	13	73	4241	35	1922	.....	.....
	1921	51	12	82	4298	37	1556	.....	.....
	1922	43	....	86	4634	48	2449	4	.....
	1923	30	16	76	4291	36	1650	18	204
Missouri	1920	37	8	43	2416	29	1754	9	332
	1921	34	15	40	2420	29	1736	10	495
	1922	31	16	36	2068	31	2238	10	449
	1923	35	13	42	2694	32	1892	15	524
North Carolina	1920	72	54	234	24555	217	26561	57	1239
	1921	57	30	227	25174	219	22048	68	2008
	1922	74	32	227	25594	215	22537	97	2367
	1923	75	39	229	26439	216	24209	120	3064

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Section One

Part I.—Numerical

CONFERENCE		Ministers	Preachers	Churches	Full Members	Sunday Schools	Enrollment	C. E. Societies	Enrollment
Alabama									
	1920	19	19	91	7794	63	3563	7	236
	1921	21	16	87	7663	57	3065	18	567
	1922	27	10	84	7215	54	2906	18	541
	1923	30	7	91	7266	57	(3356	11	367
Alabama (Col.)									
	1920	10	4	7	330	7	155	.....	.....
	1921	11	10	11	421	7	144	.....	.....
	1922	12	4	7	535	7	150	.....	.....
	1923	12	2	7	450	7	150	.....	.....
Arkansas									
	1920	41	5	94	5853	44	2528	.....	.....
	1921	41	9	95	5261	46	2146	3	94
	1922	41	9	98	5540	53	2765	5	242
	1923	28	9	81	5827	50	2984	7	193
Arkansas (Col.)									
	1920	.....	....	.....	140	6	213	.....	.....
	1921	....	....	....	145	7	220	....	.....
	1922	....	....	....	147	8	233	....	.....
	1923	....	....	....	150	9	267	....	.....
Colorado-Texas									
	1920	14	4	22	737	3	114	....	.....
	1921	14	6	24	767	10	423	....	.....
	1922	22	5	27	777	9	566	....	.....
	1923	32	5	26	889	17	792	....	.....
Col.-Texas (Col.)									
	1920	15	9	17	654	20	455	2	.....
	1921	15	12	15	729	15	421	10	.....
	1922	16	7	13	724	18	388	9	70
	1923	18	8	13	487	17	292	6	30
Eastern									
	1920	75	8	90	6152	79	10086	68	2267
	1921	63	7	79	5868	77	9575	73	2189
	1922	64	5	81	5997	72	10147	63	2203
	1923	57	8	83	5763	76	10299	67	1970
Florida									
	1920	6	1	5	350	5	.....	....	.....
	1921	7	1	7	400	7	475	1	25
	1922	6	1	8	400	8	400	2	55
	1923	8	....	8	451	7	400	2	60
Ft. Smith-Okla.									
	1920	48	14	61	2109	40	2544	9	21
	1920	48	16	61	2109	40	2544	9	215
	1921	51	10	52	2461	42	2793	36	1185
	1922	45	12	72	3006	55	3335	44	1328
	1923	45	12	67	3156	56	3566	41	1212
Georgia									
	1920	12	13	26	2082	15	931	.....	.....
	1921	15	3	22	2288	20	1516	.....	.....
	1922	16	3	26	2229	20	1423	.....	.....
	1923	15	3	27	2357	22	980	.....	.....
Georgia (Col.)									
	1920	16	3	20	866	17	645
	1921	18	5	17	837	17	483
	1922	15	8	19	708	18	503
	1923	14	8	17	709	14	433

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Part II.—Property

CONFERENCE		Church	Parsonage	Other	Debt	Total Net Value
Alabama	1920	96525	23418	1000	3239	118704
	1921	128150	30450	2000	6999	153601
	-922	121780	27050	.....	5955	142875
	1923	132200	22900	.....	4733	150367
Alabama (Col.)	1920	12900	.....	.....	.....	12900
	1921	12400	.....	.....	.....	12400
	1922	12200	.....	.....	.....	12200
	1923	12500	.....	.....	.....	12500
Arkansas	1920	71100	.....	.....	.....	71100
	1921	127700	.....	.....	.....	127700
	1922	115375	14300	.....	26	129649
	1923	161825	12900	.....	17932	156793
Arkansas (Col.)	1920	.....	.....	.....	.....	3400
	1921	.....	.....	.....	.....	3500
	1922	.....	.....	.....	.....	3355
	1923	.....	.....	.....	.....	3656
Colorado-Texas	1920	15500	.....	.....	.....	15500
	1921	21600*	.....	.....	.....	21600
	1923	24600*	.....	.....	.....	24600
	1923	24600*	.....	.....	.....	24600
Col.-Texas (Col.)	1920	26905	.....	.....	.....	26905
	1921	11500	.....	.....	.....	11500
	1922	28700	800	.....	250	29250
	1923	28300	500	.....	.....	28800
Eastern	1920	660500	162350	10850	10030	802820
	1921	640000	180746	10850	59548	772048
	1922	701400	210000	27806	73990	865216
	1923	777800	256700	44900	86859	992541
Florida	1920	4000	1000	100	.....	5100
	1921	5000	1500	50	.....	6550
	1922	11877	1000	50	.....	12927
	1923	14300	1000	.....	2500	12800
Ft. Smith-Okla.	1920	54990	.....	.....	.....	54990
	1921	42665	7000	.....	.....	42665
	1922	45549	7000	.....	.....	52549
	1923	50330	.....	.....	.....	50330
Georgia	1920	49300	2500	.....	533	51267
	1921	78100	2800	1781	364	82317
	1922	48000	2800	.....	343	50457
	1923	52250	1000	5252	2225	56277
Georgia (Col.)	1920	32300	.....	.....	.....	32300
	1921	38700	38700
	1922	48900	650	48250
	1923	32500	32500

*Parsonage Property Included.

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Part I.—Numerical

CONFERENCE	Ministers	Preachers	Churches	Full Members	Sunday Schools	Enrollment	C. E. Societies	Enrollment
North Mississippi								
1920	.....	....	23	1059	8	428	.....	.....
1921	14	3	60	900	18	600	.....	.....
1922	14	2	.....	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....
1923	19	6	.....	1000	3	107	.....	.....
Ohio								
1920	100	25	201	20574	201	21237	58	1313
1921	101	17	203	20239	201	22570	57	1778
1922	99	18	202	21064	202	23484	70	2411
1923	101	11	198	21208	200	22116	68	2195
Onondaga								
1920	34	5	53	2204	44	2984	14	280
1921	36	8	51	2173	52	2835	28	349
1922	39	9	54	2356	46	3448	14	276
1923	36	11	57	2315	45	2456	13	254
Pittsburgh								
1920	62	....	83	12865	90	10703	14	359
1921	62	....	84	13094	86	10213	48	1593
1922	60	3	84	13323	83	12106	51	1627
1923	60	2	83	13486	83	11008	50	1670
South Carolina								
1920	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1921	10	....	5	424	5	439	.....	.....
1922	11	....	9	424	6	439	.....	.....
1923	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
S. Carolina (Col.)								
1920	11	....	10	756	12	438	.....	.....
1921	11	10	10	917	9	426	.....	.....
1922	11	9	10	872	8	362	.....	.....
1923	11	11	10	791	9	336	.....	.....
Tennessee								
1920	8	....	18	1175	7	342	.....	.....
1921	9	....	23	1188	10	503	.....	.....
1922	7	4	23	1213	12	691	.....	.....
1923	7	.....	20	1224	11	603	.....	.....
Texas								
1920	53	2	89	4009	52	3579	10	302
1921	46	3	84	4302	48	3559	11	245
1922	39	10	84	4057	54	4070	15	388
1923	37	18	83	4111	55	3440	17	388
Virginia								
1920	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1921	14	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1922	14	....	28	1182	.....	804	.....	.....
1923	18	....	16	1266	22	1651	.....	.....
Washington								
1920	.....	....	3	500	3	600	3	75
1921	.....	....	3	550	3	650	3	80
1922	.....	....	3	474	3	766	2	80
1923	.....	....	3	526	3	682	6	148
West Virginia								
1920	73	8	316	18055	261	19342	59	1807
1921	79	4	304	18498	277	20783	62	2128
1922	79	5	299	18560	272	20836	78	2704
1923	76	6	293	20269	274	21226	95	2044

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Part II.—Property

CONFERENCE	Church	Parsonage	Other	Debt	Total Net Value
North Mississippi					
1920	600	.....	.....	.....	600
1921	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1922	10000*	.....	.....	.....	10000
1923	7550	.....	.....	.....	7550
Ohio					
1920	945450	164200	18075	34481	1093244
1921	897939	166800	28100	43609	1048321
1922	1150300	243140	23050	76171	1340319
1923	1307300	275950	68850	139645	1512455
Onondaga					
1920	165800	57600	.....	5375	218025
1921	169300	58100	.....	4665	222735
1922	178000	65500	606	5000	239106
1923	182500	66400	2606	.....	251506
Pittsburgh					
1920	1093950*	.....	.....	120184	973766
1921	1308050*	.....	.....	114526	1193524
1922	1231500*	.....	.....	122756	1108744
1923	1785754*	.....	.....	215010	1570744
South Carolina					
1920	.....	.....	.....	.....	10725
1922	9725*	.....	.....	.....	9725
1923	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
S. Carolina (Col.)					
1920	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1921	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1922	8850	300	.....	250	8900
1923	5400	10	.....	.....	5410
Tennessee					
1920	2700	.....	.....	.....	2700
1921	21900	.....	.....	.....	21900
1922	21200*	.....	.....	.....	21200
1923	21400	.....	.....	.....	21400
Texas					
1920	180350	29670	.....	.....	210020
1921	183500	30700	.....	.....	214200
1922	135600	28100	.....	.....	163700
1923	113250	29150	72325	629	214096
Virginia					
1920	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1921	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1922	28500	2000	.....	500	30000
1923	29000	.....	.....	.....	29000
Washington					
1920	103000	15000	2000	.....	120000
1921	103000	22000	2000	.....	127000
1922	103000	22000	2000	.....	127000
1923	168500	26000	11000	16200	189300
West Virginia					
1920	764770	152785	10800	36018	892337
1921	844160	174880	16000	35712	999328
1922	935410	195980	18000	39724	1109666
1923	1127650	244800	16750	79511	1309689

*Parsonage Property Included.

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Part II.—Property

CONFERENCE		Church	Parsonage	Other	Debt	Total Net Value
Illinois						
	1920	199500	64700	1300	4550	260950
	1921	207500	55500	1400	11200	253200
	1922	265000	57200	300	15300	307200
	1923	303800	62200	1500	4500	363000
Indiana						
	1920	499950	100240	5301	49235	556256
	1921	487600	102500	19025	25182	583943
	1922	578300	104910	4050	20159	567101
	1923	556900	112000	2050	7085	663865
Iowa-Missouri						
	1920	188100	34300	4700	1450	225650
	1921	179000	39750	4700	1490	221960
	1922	174600	42400	4700	3840	216860
	1923	193100	44850	4000	4015	237935
Kansas						
	1920	36950	14250	.....	1066	50134
	1921	22750	20250	.....	405	42595
	1922	56900	27500	.....	.....	84400
	1923	107200	28750	.....	6235	129715
Kentucky						
	1920	19100	.....	.....	36	19064
	1921	17600	.....	.....	36	17564
	1922	17000	.....	.....	.....	17000
	1923	31888	.....	.....	.....	31888
Louisiana						
	1920	32750	10050	213	260	42753
	1921	30225	.....	1500	860	29365
	1922	53700	.....	1500	530	54670
	1923	47750	.....	.....	632	47118
Maryland						
	1920	2057150	488100	.....	213360	3331890
	1921	3404000	536250	.....	222372	3717878
	1922	3014650	577850	.....	257038	3335462
	1923	4048950	615350	.....	400526	4263774
Michigan						
	1920	469655	119400	.....	.....	589055
	1921	496200	125800	.....	.....	622000
	1922	500000	146400	.....	.....	646400
	1923	415600	161800	.....	.....	577400
Mississippi						
	1920	42800	7900	.....	.....	50700
	1921	44300	14450	.....	.....	58750
	1922	44650	9423	.....	.....	54073
	1923	34850	6973	.....	404	41419
Missouri						
	1920	54600	.....	.....	.....	54600
	1921	48400	2600	.....	.....	51000
	1922	51250	5920	693	1284	56579
	1923	53800	6600	800	415	60785
North Carolina						
	1920	652750	148000	.....	37471	763279
	1921	721904	159150	.....	48027	833027
	1922	787000	160800	83133	864667
	1923	883450	177900	71510	90446	1042414

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Part III.—Local Interests

		Pastoral Support					
CONFERENCE		Cash	Parsonage Rental	Total Pastoral Support	Ordinary Expense	Unusual Expense	Total Local
Illinois							
	1920	23681	3442	27123	7136	7761	42020
	1921	23642	3152	26794	8416	12413	47623
	1922	25667	3290	28957	9428	7706	46091
	1923	24576	3493	28069	12558	13060	53687
Indiana							
	1920	40417	5824	46241	18805	25801	90847
	1921	68306*	.....	68306	20823	24271	113400
	1922	55365	5295	60660	26393	38518	125571
	1923	63202*	.....	63202	26567	51548	141317
Iowa-Missouri							
	1920	16609	2184	18793	4096	5503	28392
	1921	18595	2050	20645	5848	2858	29351
	1922	18659	2604	21263	4776	6287	32326
	1923	18236	2490	20726	5329	4077	30232
Kansas							
	1920	11096	1263	12359	3554	2731	18644
	1921	13641*	.....	13641	2645	2040	18326
	1922	12164*	.....	12164	4567	5670	22401
	1923	12703*	.....	12703	5351	2085	26139
Kentucky							
	1920	663	.....	683	135	189	987
	1921	754	.....	754	353	389	1496
	1922	750	.....	750	350	350	1450
	1923	710	.....	710	285	327	1322
Louisiana							
	1920	7400*	.....	7400	353	397	8150
	1921	6993	645	7638	1432	1249	10319
	1922	8104	985	9089	1385	1769	12243
	1923	7316	1045	8361	1531	4012	13904
Maryland							
	1920	153496	35426	188922	85416	128743	403080
	1921	179779	38995	218774	109663	222853	551290
	1922	189410	42131	231541	85470	254439	571450
	1923	197772	45077	242849	96178	352942	691969
Michigan							
	1920	57971	7590	65561	13858	23571	102990
	1921	69382	8161	77543	13998	71981	163522
	1922	59507	7519	67026	11847	30807	109680
	1923	63881	8072	71953	13199	24257	109409
Mississippi							
	1920	12710*	.....	12710	.....	.....	12710
	1921	9637*	.....	9637	.....	.....	9637
	1922	9583*	.....	9583	.....	.....	9583
	1923	8509*	.....	8509	959	2691	12159
Missouri							
	1920	7695	706	8401	949	5584	14934
	1921	6298	377	6675	346	1838	8859
	1922	8106	504	8610	1446	1956	12012
	1923	9099	552	9651	1841	2086	13578
North Carolina							
	1920	71159	10000	81159	17808	38980	137947
	1921	74682	10000	84682	13786	33665	131133
	1922	76352	10000	86352	23990	84459	194801
	1923	82308	10000	92308	35809	80644	208761

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Part III.—Local Interests

		Pastoral Support					
CONFERENCE		Cash	Parsonage Rental	Total Pastoral Support	Ordinary Expense	Unusual Expense	Total Local
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Alabama	1920	13495	1633	15128	1614	2313	19055
	1921	12486	1635	14121	2069	3100	19290
	1922	11877	1831	13708	1520	3568	18796
	1923	14854	2278	17132	8998*	.....	26130
Alabama (Col.)	1920	871*	.....	871	80	.....	951
	1921	595	.....	595	.....	.....	595
	1922	512	.....	512	196	.....	708
	1923	.....	.....	700	450	.....	1150
Arkansas	1920	13530	.....	13530	.....	.....	13530
	1921	11959	.....	11959	.....	.....	11959
	1922	12619	1967	14586	.....	.....	14586
	1923	11962	2329	14291	1345	15533	31169
Arkansas (Col.)	1920	.....	.....	115	.....	.....	115
	1921	.....	.....	116	.....	.....	116
	1922	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1923	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colorado-Texas	1920	1276	96	1371	495	480	2347
	1921	1434	216	1650	615	104	2369
	1922	1507	120	1627	220	383	2230
	1923	2385	.....	2385	359	910	3654
Col.-Texas (Col.)	1920	2449	89	2538	672	.....	3210
	1921	2117*	.....	2117	.....	.....	2117
	1922	2800*	.....	2800	500	100	3400
	1923	1510*	.....	1510	.....	.....	1510
Eastern	1920	55399	12981	68380	42267	36027	146674
	1921	57137	14328	71465	47237	28670	147372
	1922	59860	16348	76208	54243	46764	177215
	1923	63471	18068	81539	58102	40724	180365
Florida	1920	750	150	900	.....	200	1100
	1921	1500	450	1950	150	1200	3300
	1922	1450	450	1900	800	1800	4500
	1923	1500	450	1950	600	1800	4350
Ft. Smith.-Okla.	1920	6593	.....	7593	1320	5341	14254
	1921	6543	.....	6545	5023*	.....	11566
	1923	6876*	.....	6876	2401*	.....	9283
Georgia	1920	5737	366	6103	178	3210	9491
	1921	4386	340	4726	87	3331	8144
	1922	3905	206	4111	244	197	4552
	1923	4165	50	4215	1178	481	5874
Georgia (Col.)	1920	1560	.....	1560	128	2751	4439
	1921	1158	1158	12	1170
	1922	1056	1056	52	265	1373
	1923	1399*	1399	93	530	2022

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Part IV.—General Interests. External Benevolences and Totals

CONFERENCE		General Conference	Annual Conference	Total General	Total Denominational	External Benevolences	Grand Total
Alabama	1920	1452	609	2061	21116	431	21547
	1921	854	783	1637	20927	.....	20927
	1922	1071	724	1795	20591	222	20813
	1923	1257	846	2103	28233	.....	28233
Alabama (Col.)	1920	.....	93	93	1044	.....	1044
	1921	85	96	181	776	.....	776
	1922	100	150	250	958	62	1020
	1923	70	104	174	874	.....	874
Arkansas	1920	170	1755	2025	15555	.....	15555
	1921	453	1644	2097	14056	.....	14056
	1922	694	1877	2571	17157	7	17164
	1923	874	1643	2517	33686	52	33738
Arkansas (Col.)	1920	.....	118	118	236	.....	236
	1921	.....	.....	.....	116	.....	116
	1922	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1923	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colorado-Texas	1920	209	131	340	2687	.....	2687
	1921	108	622	730	3099	.....	3099
	1922	138	391	529	2759	.....	2759
	1923	100	332	432	4086	.....	4086
Col.-Texas (Col.)	1920	277	560	837	4047	.....	4047
	1921	32	.....	32	2149	.....	2149
	1922	480*	.....	480	3880	.....	3880
	1923	37	130	167	1677	.....	1677
Eastern	1920	9917	3072	12989	159663	2790	162453
	1921	14512	4238	18750	166122	6197	172319
	1922	12377	4235	16612	193827	1068	194895
	1923	13460	5161	18621	198986	3761	202747
Florida	1920	.....	.....	.....	1100	.....	1100
	1921	25	50	75	3375	.....	3375
	1922	.....	.....	.....	4500	.....	4500
	1923	30	175	205	4555	.....	4555
Ft. Smith-Okla.	1920	1467	1057	2524	16778	.....	16778
	1921	1450*	.....	1450	13016	.....	13016
	1922	698	1027	1725	13399	.....	13399
	1923	511	1475	1986	11269	.....	11269
Georgia	1920	148	786	934	10425	.....	10425
	1921	732	1873	2605	10749	.....	10749
	1922	268	240	508	5060	.....	5060
	1923	210	908	1118	6992	457	7449
Georgia (Col.)	1920	23	256	279	4708	212	4920
	1921	22	155	177	1347	62	1409
	1922	24	186	210	1583	68	1651
	1923	43	208	251	2273	29	2302

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Part III.—Local Interests

CONFERENCE	Pastoral Support					
	Cash	Parsonage Rental	Total Pastoral Support	Ordinary Expense	Unusual Expense	Total Local
North Mississippi						
1920	656*	.....	656	.....	.....	656
1921	1000*	.....	1000	.....	.....	1000
1922	.....	.....	.....	1100*	.....	1100
1923	620*	.....	620	.....	.....	620
Ohio						
1920	87025	10618	97643	47632	44809	190084
1921	193394*	12636	116030	50411	81251	147692
1922	102370	13683	116053	91743	98995	306791
1923	106493	16250	122743	71413	174610	368766
Onondaga						
1920	25240	2312	27552	10936	.....	38488
1921	23527	2405	25932	7925	6565	40422
1922	25909	2732	28641	5203	8704	42548
1923	27226	2720	29946	6078	15907	51931
Pittsburgh						
1920	73104*	.....	73104	37967	32331	143402
1921	78478*	.....	78478	59650	69897	208025
1922	78417*	.....	78417	53842	39762	172021
1923	82919*	.....	82919	50234	99833	232986
South Carolina						
1920	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1921	1037	.....	1037	79	433	1549
1922	922*	.....	922	92	6	1020
1923	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
S. Carolina (Col.)						
1920	1562	.....	1562	.....	.....	1562
1921	901	.....	901	.....	.....	901
1922	927	24	951	.....	.....	951
1923	173*	.....	173	.....	.....	173
Tennessee						
1920	1395	.....	1395	48	.....	1443
1921	1477	.....	1477	.....	.....	1477
1922	1720*	.....	1720	500	.....	2220
1923	1408	.....	1408	.....	.....	1408
Texas						
1920	16432	2909	19341	.....	.....	19341
1921	15684	2700	18384	4749	7488	30621
1922	15909	2630	18539	1698	2631	22868
1923	15920	2863	18783	3758	6546	29087
Virginia						
1920	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1921	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1922	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1923	3308	.....	3308	.....	.....	3308
Washington						
1920	3500	600	4100	7500	650	12250
1921	3800	1080	4880	7800	300	12980
1922	5780*	.....	5780	9138	.....	14918
1923	2700	2160	4860	2241	7920	15021
West Virginia						
1920	58661	9358	68019	12928	42100	123047
1921	67015	10277	77292	21297	69254	158843
1922	61680	12083	73763	23822	37497	135082
1923	72536	13099	85635	85635

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Part IV.—General Interests. External Benevolences and Totals

CONFERENCE	General Conference	Annual Conference	Total General	Total Denominational	External Benevolences	Grand Total
North Mississippi						
1920	.....	333	333	989	.....	989
1921	.....	.....	.....	1000	.....	1000
1922	390*	.....	390	1490	.....	1490
1923	.....	.....	.....	620	.....	620
Ohio						
1920	13932	9288	23220	213304	4574	217878
1921	50151	9330	59481	307173	9444	316617
1922	35587	9361	44948	351739	3092	354831
1923	37055	10028	47085	415849	3520	419369
Onondaga						
1920	8389	4027	12416	50904	.....	50904
1921	7197	4086	11283	51705	2003	53707
1922	4284	813	5097	47645	1500	49145
1923	8034	1997	10031	61962	.....	61962
Pittsburgh						
1920	10343	4652	14995	158397	.....	158397
1921	39447	5335	44782	252807	2507	255314
1922	33087	5263	38350	210371	865	211236
1923	31602	8318	39920	272906	12400	285306
South Carolina						
1920	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1921	268	125	393	1942	81	2023
1922	5	110	115	1135	263	1398
1923	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
S. Carolina (Col.)						
1920	.....	583	583	2145	.....	2145
1921	88	421	509	1410	.....	1410
1922	.....	107	107	1558	.....	1058
1923	45	.....	45	218	.....	218
Tennessee						
1920	595	20	615	2058	.....	2058
1921	270	1150	1420	2897	.....	2897
1922	158	96	254	2474	.....	2474
1923	220	9	229	1637	.....	1637
Texas						
1920	.....	.....	.....	19341	.....	19341
1921	2698	2178	4876	35497	.....	35497
1922	1429	2041	3470	26338	108	26446
1923	1695	3387	5082	34169	217	23286
Virginia						
1920	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1921	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1922	7	.....	7	7	.....	7
1923	.....	.....	.....	3308	.....	3308
Washington						
1920	500	.....	500	12750	500	13250
1921	525	.....	525	13505	250	13755
1922	850	.....	850	15768	650	16418
1923	1150	.....	1150	13631	525	14156
West Virginia						
1920	24013	4763	28776	151823	.....	151823
1921	16015	5028	21043	179886	.....	179886
1922	12656	4785	17441	152523	152523
1923	15105	4813	19918	103820	203820

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CONFERENCE		General Conference	Annual Conference	Total General	Total Denominational	External Benevolences	Grand Total
Illinois	1920	13745	1235	14980	57000	774	57774
	1921	6529	2004	8533	56156	2676	58832
	1922	6792	2374	9166	55257	1150	56407
	1923	6189	3650	9838	63526	1140	64666
Indiana	1920	11424	8347	19771	110618	.....	110618
	1921	12009	8419	20428	133828	2526	136354
	1922	10358	7221	17579	143150	1518	144668
	1923	10898	8628	19526	160843	1994	162837
Iowa-Missouri	1920	5996	1013	7009	35401	391	35792
	1921	3970	1100	5070	34421	443	34864
	1922	3660	938	4598	36924	.....	37100
	1923	4730	1429	6159	36291	.....	36291
Kansas	1920	1981	614	2595	21239	1741	22980
	1921	2001	750	2751	21077	286	21363
	1922	1324	587	2311	24712	27	24739
	1923	1978	840	2818	28957	94	29051
Kentucky	1920	92	34	126	1113	.....	1113
	1921	87	107	194	1690	37	1727
	1922	116	49	165	1615	.....	1615
	1923	101	48	149	1471	95	1566
Louisiana	1920	751	1531	2282	10432	75	10507
	1922	485	485	970	13213	.....	13213
	1921	999	840	1839	12158	.....	12158
	1923	772	910	1682	15586	.....	15586
Maryland	1920	234549	24976	259525	662605	.....	675348
	1921	30360	29557	59917	611207	48618	659825
	1922	54575	31880	86455	657905	25827	683732
	1923	54163	30480	84643	776612	44576	821188
Michigan	1920	18135*	.....	18135	121125	9043	130168
	1921	21189*	.....	21189	184711	.....	184711
	1922	23097*	.....	23097	132777	.....	132777
	1923	23619*	.....	23619	133028	.....	133028
Mississippi	1920	184	1639	1823	14533	.....	14533
	1921	535	944	1479	11116	.....	11116
	1922	152	1452	1603	11186	.....	11186
	1923	161	1932	2093	14252	463	14715
Missouri	1920	245	144	389	15323	.....	15323
	1921	112	30	142	9001	.....	9001
	1922	189	25	214	12226	.....	12226
	1923	138	343	481	14059	25	14084
North Carolina	1920	43678	9504	53182	191129	.....	191129
	1921	15580	9676	25256	157389	.....	157389
	1922	17178	19084	34262	229063	.....	229063
	1923	18335	10171	28506	237267	14585	251852
	1920	.....	333	333	989	.....	989

*Reported under "General Conference," but an Unknown Part of the Item Belongs under "Annual Conference."

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GENERAL CONFERENCE PROPERTIES

Board of Foreign Missions.....	\$ 361,061	
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.....	130,850	
Woman's Home Missionary Society.....	39,750	
Board of Education	47,587	
Board of Young People's Work.....	9,814	
Adrian College	400,000	
½ Kansas City University.....	171,500	
Westminster College	162,691	
Westminster Theological Seminary	153,070	
Proposed Colored School	3,250	
Old People's Home	22,250	
General Fund for Superannuates.....	21,630	
Pittsburgh Directory	237,069	
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	\$1,760,522	

ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROPERTIES

Alabama Conference

Samaritan Association	\$ 6,363	
Board of Church Extension.....	7,732	
Board of Education.....	469	14,564

Arkansas

Board of Church Extension.....	975	975
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Eastern

Board of Church Extension.....	18	
Preachers' Aid Society.....	45,168	45,168

Georgia

Extinct Church Fund.....	6,153	
\$50,000 Campaign Fund	188	
Loans to Churches.....	2,880	
Church Extension Fund.....	98	9,319

Illinois

Preachers' Aid Society.....	19,146	
Board of Education	15,735	
Board of Church Extension & P. A.....	1,520	36,401

Indiana

Preachers' Aid Society.....	12,306	
Board of Church Extension.....	5,135	
Camp Ground.....	17,400	34,841

Iowa-Missouri

Board of Church Extension.....	1,600	
Property Building Fund.....	1,800	
20th Century Fund	918	4,318

Kansas

Conference Board of Trustees.....	5,395	
Home Mission Board	1,470	
Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society..	4,243	11,108

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Summary

No. Ministers	1168	1181	1195	1183
No. Preachers	241	238	231	260
No. Churches	2292	2287	2334	2269
No. Full Members	179094	178761	185655	187753
No. Sunday Schools....	1913	1982	1990	2004
S. S. Enrollment.....	176326	177954	188786	186233
No. C. E. Societies.....	594	748	832	874
C. E. Enrollment.....	17881	23554	26345	26025
Church Property.....	9533945	10295459	10881716	12571997
Parsonage Property...	1595463	1724226	1955073	2153733
Other Property.....	44489	85906	82755	301543
Total Property	11173897	12105591	12919544	15027273
Indebtedness	527288	574995	706399	1079502
Total Net Value.....	10646609	11530596	12213145	13947771
Pastoral Support	880794	976900	984631	1041433
Ordinary Local Ex.....	315875	384414	418897	406863
Unusual Local Ex.....	409471	636150	672633	908523
Total Local Expense..	1606140	1997464	2076161	2356819
Gen. Conf. Interests....	402315	228303	222622	232582
An. Conf. Interests....	81140	90541	93500	97965
Total Gen. Interests..	483455	318844	316122	330546
Total Denom. Int's.....	2089595	2316348	2392283	2687366
External Benevo.	23138	75129	36603	83933
Total, All Purposes....	2112733	2391477	2428886	2771299

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDITS

In compliance with the requirement of the General Conference as provided by that body in session at Greensboro, North Carolina in 1920, the following Boards have furnished your Committee with a Certified Statement as related to receipts and expenditures, of their respective Boards, which have been carefully reviewed and approved by the Committee.

The Board of Foreign Missions.

The Board of Home Missions.

The Pittsburgh Book Directory.

The Baltimore Book Directory.

The Board of Education.

The Board of Young People's Work.

The Board of Managers of the General Fund for Superannuates.

The Treasurer of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Also your Committee has received an itemized account of the receipts and expenditures signed by the President and Secretary of the Home for Aged Methodist Protestants and Children's Home of the Methodist Protestant Church, subscribed to by a Certified Public Accountant.

Also we have a Statement from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society signed by the President and Secretary of the Society stating that the books of the Society have been reviewed by a Certified Public Accountant and found to be correct.

Also the President and Secretary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society testify that their books have been audited and found to be correct.

JOHN P. TURKELSON, Ch'rm'n.

C. R. GREEN, Secretary.

GEORGE D. JONES,

CHARLES NAYLOR,

N. B. BETHEA,

A. B. JONES.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the General Conference.

Dear Brethren:

As your Committee on Finance we offer the following report for your consideration.

Because the report of the ad-interim Finance Commissions, which has been referred to your Committee, covers the whole field of our financial policy and budget administration, your Committee is using it as the basis of its report.

We recommend the adoption of the Finance Commission's report, with the following amendments and substitutions:

Question 1. Is the Budget system the best plan for raising the money needed for our general interests?

Answer. Yes.

1. The Budget system puts into one aggregate sum the needs of the various boards and activities of the church. In the apportionments to the annual conferences one single amount is stated; the annual conferences in turn deliver fixed single amounts to the churches, which make their appeal to the members for a single subscription.

2. The Budget system simplifies administration, con-

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROPERTIES

Maryland		
Western Maryland College.....	1,145,000	
Home for the Aged.....	37,000	
Educational Endowment Society.....	1,000	
Preachers' Aid Society.....	190,065	
Conference Board of Trustees.....	40,000	
President's Parsonage	17,000	
Deaconess Home	7,000	
316 North Charles St.....	100,000	1,537,065
Michigan		
Board of Church Extension.....	6,193	
Superannuate Fund	6,800	
Midland Park Camp Ground.....	20,000	32,993
Missouri		
Board of Church Extension.....	777.18	
Home Mission Board	17.31	
Preachers' Aid Society.....	2848.23	3642
North Carolina		
Children's Home	200,000	
President's Parsonage	12,00	
Conference Trustees	4,000	
Superannuate Fund Society.....	6,300	
Board of Education.....	257,132	479,432
Ohio		
Sabina Camp Ground.....	10,000	
President's Parsonage	15,000	
Board of Church Extension.....	473	
Ministers' Aid Society.....	68,065	93,538
Onondaga		
Superannuate P. A. Board.....	23,226	
Home Church Extension Society.....	10,089	
Lakeview Camp Ground.....	25,000	
Fund	1,028	59,343
Pittsburgh		
Board of Church Extension.....	27,760	
Avery Fund	130,955	
Old Fund	21,298	180,013
Texas		
Westminster College	162,691	162,691
Preachers' Aid Society	27,000	
Educational Society	1,293	28,293
Total.....		\$2,743,722

Summary of All Properties As of 1923

Held by the General Conference.....	\$ 1,760,522
Held by the Annual Conferences	2,743,722
Held by the Churches	15,027,273
Total	\$19,531,527

C. S. JOHNSON, Chairman.

Answer. There are two ways:

1. Apportionments based on the general knowledge of the various conferences by the Executive Committee, or

2. A discoverable ability, based on membership and financial ability as expressed in annual totals.

3. To approve (1) is open to serious objections. The Executive Committee making such apportionments would be helpless to defend them and subject themselves to arbitrariness.

4. Financial ability expressed in terms of sums raised may or may not express ability. It might mean only a willingness and training. For the most part there is among our conferences little disparity in ability, meaning the capacity to pay, but there is a wide disparity in percentage of actual payments. It only seems fair, however, that the sections of the church farthest advanced in training and responsibility should accept the largest proportional share of the total, for there is responsibility in training and privilege, and basing the apportionments on sums paid, places the larger apportionments there.

This financial element has real and practical objections but they are not as defensible as an apportionment based on guesswork. It simply means that the more you pay the more you will be called upon to pay; willingness increases obligation; it is a rising scale. It may tend to evasion in reports.

The consideration of membership in plan (2) also offers some discouragements, often leading to the pruning of church rolls, but membership as such indicates a degree of ability.

5. Our Committee recommends that the apportionments be made on the basis of membership and financial ability as expressed in the printed conference totals.

Question 4. What interests should be included in the Budget as Beneficiaries, and what should be the percentage given to each?

Answer. The Budget should primarily include only the Boards which have their creation in and are under the control of the General Conference. Beneficiaries under these Boards shall be only such as are recognized by the General Conference.

The list follows:

- The Board of Foreign Missions.
- The Board of Home Missions.
- The Board of Education.
- The Board of Young People's Work.
- The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.
- The Woman's Home Missionary Society.
- The Children's Home at High Point, N. Car.
- The American Bible Society.
- The Ministerial Salary Relief.
- The Contingent Fund for the Executive Committee.
- The General Fund for Superannuates.
- The Home for the Aged, West Lafayette, Ohio.
- The Federal Council of Churches.

Your Committee would suggest the following distribution, stated in terms of percentage and dollars:

sequently there is less confusion in handling funds, fewer errors, greater confidence.

3. It avoids the distraction of many and overlapping appeals.

4. It simplifies giving by church members.

5. It frees the Secretaries of the Boards from onerous detail and bookkeeping for larger service of educational and inspirational work.

The Budget System, however, needs—

1. The restoration of initiative to the various Boards, in that at present there is too much pooling of interests and division of receipts.

2. More consistent education of the church people concerning the occasion of the various funds and the actual use of the money that is given. Impulse and interest is often lost. Giving is purely mechanical. Objectives are lost.

3. A more authoritative direction of the Budget. This is discussed more fully under Question 2.

Question 2. What total sum should be written into the Budget of 1924?

Answer. \$500,000 if the Women's Societies participate in all respects with the other Boards of the Church.
\$400,000 if they do not.

1. The opinion has been voiced that the increase from 120,000 as a budget to \$500,000 was too abrupt, that the transition should have occurred by more gradual stages. Your Committee feels it would be a serious mistake to make a reduction now for if the transition was sudden, it has been made. If the church which has been thinking in terms of \$500,000 for four years and working towards that end should revert to a lesser schedule it could not conceivably increase offerings, would probably reduce them, and tend to a serious mental reaction in our church possibilities.

2. The fact that returns are seemingly not commensurate with the Budget amount need not discourage us. The amount is not too large, it is not beyond our ability, it is simply beyond our training. Denominationally we are not alone in high objectives. Practically all denominations have schedules far beyond ours.

3. We should have a great effort towards the stewardship of money. There has been none denominationally wide and carrying with it at the same time the sanction and authority of the general church. Where miscellaneous efforts have been made they have been followed by remarkable results.

4. It is not enough to fix a Budget, apportion it and send it down for whatever reception might await it by conference authorities, pastors and local churches. This defeats it in advance unless there has been an educational development and some sort of enforceable authority behind it. We already have the machinery needed. Our very denominational life is involved in this Budget. We are powerless in mission fields, at home and abroad; we are helpless in educational ways.

5. A church budget should be in the nature of a challenge, not an accepted possibility.

Question 3. How would you apportion the Budget to the annual conferences?

tinued, thus reducing the special days to three instead of four.

4. The Budget distribution to the several Boards shall be expressed in terms of percentage, and total sum of dollars, as set forth in items 1 and 2, answer to question 4.

5. The Three Boards of Foreign Missions, Home Missions, and Education shall be entitled to their special day offerings plus their percentage of the undesignated Budget. These special day offerings shall accrue to the Boards as they may be designated when remitted by the churches, provided, that in offerings made on these special days no Board shall receive from any one charge more than its percentage of participation in the General Conference Budget. All moneys raised beyond the said percentage shall be placed either by the church, or the annual conference treasurer, or general conference treasurer, in the undesignated Budget and distributed to the Boards on the percentage basis allowed in the Budget.

6. Each Board shall be entitled to a maximum of the full sum expressed above in total dollars, but not more. Any moneys accruing above the total sum for any Board shall be divided on a ratio basis among the other Boards as their interest appear in the Budget.

7. Your Committee believes this method of distribution will restore full initiative to the several Boards to make the most of their particular field and of their special days.

8. Special Gifts.

(a) Gifts made to the several Boards for investment purposes and not for current expense or use shall not be a charge against either the total sum of dollars or the percentage of distribution. Nor shall said gifts be a credit on the Budget to the church from which fellowship the special gift may arise.

(b) Special gifts made for current use or so used shall become a charge against the total sum of dollars of the Board concerned only in amounts not exceeding \$500, and may be received with the credit accruing to the Budget of the Church from which it may come. All amounts in excess of \$500, after deducting \$500 shall neither be a charge against the Board or a credit to the church Budget.

Question 6. What should be the relation of the Woman's Missionary Societies to the Budget?

Answer. There are three possibilities.

1. That there should be a consolidation of the Boards; the two Foreign Boards into one Board, and the two Home Boards into one Board. Your Committee feels that this is the best solution of the situation. In this event combine the allotments in the Budget on the \$500,00 basis, or even make a revision of the whole. There seems to be no other way of reducing friction between the Boards and eliminating confusion and friction in the churches, which on the Budget basis, employed by the General Church and the Women's Societies alike, has become more or less active. There should not be a division of interest between the women of the church with their Budget and the church with another.

TWENTY-FOURTH QUADRENNIAL SESSION

1. On the basis of \$500,000, the Women's Societies participating we recommend the following distribution:

Board of Foreign Missions	25%	\$125,000
Board of Home Missions	23%	115,000
Board of Education	23%	115,000
W. F. M. S.....	12%	60,000
W. H. M. S.....	6%	30,000
Children's Home at High Point, North Carolina	1%	5,000
American Bible Society.....	1%	5,000
Ministerial Salary Relief.....	2%	10,000
Contingent Fund—Executive Com.....	2%	10,000
General Fund for Superannuates.....	4%	20,000
Home for Aged, West Lafayette, O..	1%	5,000
	100%	\$500,000

Fixed charges to be paid out of the undesignated Budget:

President's Salary and Expenses..	\$6,000	Approximate
Treasurer's Expenses	3,500	"
General Conference Miscellaneous	1,000	"
Board of Young People's Work.....	9,000	Fixed
Federal Council of Churches.....	500	appropriations
		\$20,000

2. On the basis of \$400,000, the Woman's Societies not participating in the Budget:

Board of Foreign Missions	31%	\$124,000
Board of Home Missions	29%	116,000
Board of Education	29%	116,000
Children's Home at High Point, North Carolina	1%	4,000
American Bible Society	1%	4,000
Ministerial Salary Relief.....	2%	8,000
Contingent Fund—Executive Com.....		
General Fund for Superannuates....	4%	16,000
Home for the Aged, W. Lafayette, O.	1%	4,000
	100%	\$400,000

With the same fixed charges as above.

3. It is further understood that the Executive Committee shall reserve out of the Contingent Fund such funds as they may deem necessary for the promotion of General Meetings, such as Assembly of Conference Presidents, or Boards, or making surveys, all as in their judgment may seem wise.

Question 5. How should collections made on the three special days, viz: Easter, Children's, and Educational, be treated as related to the Budget.

Answer.

1. **Board of Young People's Work.** We recommend that this Board be allowed a fixed appropriation of \$9,000 per year for the work of the Board; that its percentage appropriation in the Budget be discontinued, and that it shall not be the beneficiary of the offering on Rally Day. This recommendation is made because the Board is purely of an educational and organizing character, and is not a disbursing Board.

2. That the offering for Rally day be for religious education and be appropriated to the Board of Education. Further, that the observance of the day be jointly shared in a co-laborated program issued by the Board of Education and the Board of Young People's Work.

3. That the Educational Day at Christmas be discon-

Treasurer's Office	3,251.26
Miscellaneous Expense.....	880.33
Forward Movement Com.....	5,577.76
Board of Foreign Missions.....	7,171.68
Board of Home Missions.....	13,504.16
Board of Education	9,206.08
Young People's Work.....	6,748.22

Total Administrative Expense 52,254.36

Balance for distribution in mission fields,
education, etc..... \$85,889.13

The overhead on entire gross
receipts being..... .378%

2. Board of Foreign Missions:
Total received to Board's
credit\$34,613.49
Total expense of the Board 7,171.68

Balance for Distribution....\$27,441.81
Cost of administration, over-
head206%

3. Board of Home Missions:
Total received to Board's
credit\$30,992.57
Total expense of the Board 13,504.16

Balance for distribution....\$17,418.41
Cost of administration, over-
head436%

4. Board of Education:
Total received to Board's
credit\$29,780.82
Total expense of Board.... 9,206.08

Balance for distribution....\$20,574.74
Cost of administration, overhead..... .312%

The study of overhead expense is based purely on its relation to the Budget. The expense items listed in the Commission's report do not correspond with the reports of the Boards. The Commission includes all expense items of the Boards, and no monies received outside the Budget; whereas the Boards do include outside funds and charge as overhead only such items as deal with immediate use of their funds.

Your Committee does not see how under our present form of organization of boards and secretaryships any considerable saving could be effected. It takes a certain amount of minimum overhead to do business. This minimum under present conditions is practically irreducible, except perhaps in combining office occupancy and stenographic service.

The percentage of denominational overhead .378% seems high, as well as that of the Boards but an examination of the expense items does not reveal any appreciable extravagance or excessive expenditure. The large percentage is due to the relatively small amount of money the church raises for all purposes. The administrative officers and Boards could handle many times as much without any considerable additional expense and thus automatically reduce the percentage of overhead.

The only alternative for the reduction of overhead, other than large additional payments to the Budget, must be sought in the elimination of Boards and general offices.

This compels a major consideration. What is the relative value of the Boards to the sums actually raised by the entire church on

2. Failing to consolidate, that the Women's Societies shall participate in all respects with the other Boards as indicated in the Budget on the \$500,000 basis and that their funds shall be subject to the same channels and conditions as are imposed upon the other Boards.

3. In the event of neither consolidation nor participation as above, the Women's Societies shall not become a part of the expressed denominational Budget. That the General Budget be reduced to \$400,000 and applied as indicated in said Budget. In this contingency we suggest that the Women's Societies divide between them the deducted \$100,000 or adopt such other budget as they elect. In this event their receipts shall in no way be subject to the usual budget channels, although the Treasurer may receive and forward whatever amounts may be sent him for their use. Nor shall sums raised by the Women's Societies be a credit to any church on its denominational budget, either in special gifts or in regular contributions.

Question 7. Should the General Conference attempt any control of special contributions for denominational interests not named in the Budget? If so, what and how?

Answer. Yes, in the following particulars.

1. It is assumed that because of the size of the Budget, the various boards, institutions, and beneficiaries under such Boards shall not inaugurate special general appeals or put on special campaigns to such ends.

2. In the case of the educational institutions whose constituency lies in large measure outside the denominational activity this assumption shall not apply. But that whenever any educational institutions, or the Board of Education, proposes to make appeals to and through the annual conferences and the individual churches said Board or institution shall first lay its plans and procedure for sanction and approval before the executive committee of the denomination or such other authority as the General Conference may designate, before proceeding with said enterprise.

3. If, however, an emergency arises, such as the Japan earthquake, any of the Boards shall have the right to make its special appeal, provided, however, the executive committee or any other designated authority of the General Conference, shall first review the plan and give its approval.

4. For any of the above special appeals, moneys raised shall neither become a charge against the total sums of dollars allowed the Board in the Budget nor become a credit to any church co-operating.

Question 8. Overhead administration, being the relation of administrative expense to receipts from the Budget.

Answer.

1. Using as a sample year the fiscal year May 1, 1922-April 30, 1923, which freed from the credits of the Interchurch Movement and representing a normal financial year, furnishes a fair basis of study:

Receipts:

Total gross receipts from the Budget, not including the women's societies..... \$138,143.49

Expenditures

President's Salary\$ 5,000.00
President's Expenses 914.26

of the Anti Saloon League in America, and Rev. Dr. Sidney L. Gulick, Secretary of the Commission on International Justice and Good Will of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, and Mr. Kirby Page, General Secretary Y. M. C. A. of New York. Among the visiting ministers and laymen of our own denomination introduced to our Conference were the following: Rev. R. D. Shepard, D. D., Rev. L. S. Wees, Rev. D. C. Wees, Rev. W. J. Elliott, Rev. M. M. Campbell, D. D., Rev. S. Heininger, Rev. Charles Heininger, D. D., Rev. Dr. Harlan L. Feeman, President of Adrian College, Rev. C. M. Lippincott, D. D., President of the Board of Publication, Rev. C. E. Wilbur, D. D., LL. D., Rev. J. W. Hawley, D. D., pastor of the First Church, Pittsburgh.

On behalf of this General Conference and voicing, we believe, the sentiment of all who have shared this great occasion, we desire to express grateful appreciation of the generous hospitality showed by the Christian people of Tiffin, including the Y. M. C. A., in furnishing such splendid accommodations for the entertainment of Conference members and visitors. We especially appreciate the exceptional kindness of the membership of the First Methodist Protestant Church of this city in keeping open house for all comers throughout this session. We shall forever bear in pleasant memory the many acts of kindness so generously bestowed upon this Conference and its guests. We are especially grateful to Rev. George G. Shurtz, pastor of this church, and to his loyal people for the privilege of meeting in their splendid new building so recently dedicated to the glory of God.

The members of this Conference thankfully acknowledge the enterprising service rendered by the Tiffin Tribune and The Daily Advertiser, in reporting the daily proceedings of the Conference. We appreciate the courtesy extended by the management of the Orphans Home of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics for the privilege afforded to the Conference to visit that great institution, and we wish to express our gratitude to the Tiffin Chamber of Commerce for furnishing conveyances for the sight-seeing journey through this beautiful city. We shall carry back to our homes in city and countryside a never failing admiration for this beautiful temple of worship, for the wonderful music which has cheered our Conference sessions and crowned our worship, for the constant devotion and the skillful part displayed by the ladies of the church in the preparation and serving the Conference meals in the banquet hall, for the manifold kindness shown by the trustees and other officers session one of the happiest occasions in the history of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Respectfully submitted,

ALDEN J. ALLEN, Chairman.

REPORT OF SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE.

It is with deep humiliation that we face a condition so far from the one that our Savior prayed and died to establish. His mission was one of peace and good will, yet after nineteen hundred years of gospel light and gospel teaching the world seems just as far from the goal as when he walked and talked with men.

Wars and rumors of war are in the very air and who is that man wise enough to foresee what the outcome will be, or who can tell how soon nations will be flying at each other's throats. How soon shall we hear the blare of bugles calling men from peaceful pursuits to the horrors of war and bloodshed.

the Budget? Can we afford consolidation or elimination? It would seem that because of the high overhead we must either have more income or less outgo. Either the church must largely increase its offerings or decrease its administrative force. What would be the effect on general retrenchment of program no one can tell. But if we need all the present organization of the church for efficient leadership then we must content ourselves with what seems to be a comparatively high expense account.

We further recommend:

(a) That the Chairman of the Committee be instructed to plan the apportionment of the Budget to the various annual conferences on the basis set forth in this report; viz: financial ability, as expressed in conference totals and membership; and that he submit said plan to the Executive Committee of the General Conference for its approval.

This recommendation is made because your Committee, through an inadvertency did not know this was a part of its duty until too late in the conference session, and further because of the difficulty in working out the statistical details involved.

(b) We further recommend that in all cases monies raised for our General Benevolences shall be sent by all local church treasurers to the annual conference treasurer, and by him to the General Conference Treasurer. In no case shall funds collected for special days or General Conference Budget be forwarded otherwise.

(c) We recommend that the new Budget shall become effective October 1, 1924.

(4) We recommend that in the case of failure of the Women's Societies to concur in the \$500,000 Budget they shall notify the Executive Committee of the General Conference on or before August 1, 1924.

(e) We recommend that the paper referred to your Committee concerning the method of raising the Budget presented by S. W. Taylor of North Carolina be referred to the Budget Council for consideration.

(f) Your Committee wishes again to refer to the Auditing of the Books of all our Boards, and recommends that in all cases capable accountants shall be employed, even though it may not be necessary to employ certified public accountants.

(Signed)

JAMES H. STRAUGHN, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations wish to submit the following report: During the present session our General Conference has been honored with visits from the following fraternal messengers: Bishop W. F. Anderson of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Bishop A. R. Clippinger of the United Brethren in Christ, and Rev. Alexander Copeland Millar, D. D., representing the college of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, being unable to attend the Conference in person, sent his address which was read by Rev. George H. Miller, D. D., Rev. Dr. C. L. Goodell, Secretary of Commission on Evangelism of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, Rev. Dr. F. Scott McBride, Superintendent

We desire to record our appreciation and pleasure upon the visit of Dr. F. Scott McBride, the newly elected Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of America, and we assure him of the loyal support and co-operation of our denomination. We deeply regret the death of his predecessor, Rev. P. A. Baker, D. D., but we rejoice that the work will still go forward and that such a capable leader is his worthy successor. We call upon our ministers and laymen to open the doors of our churches to the representatives of this organization and to continue their co-operation and valuable support in carrying forward this important branch of Christian Work.

We gratefully recognize and commend the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, that pioneer organization of American women, and all other temperance and prohibition agencies which have by their effort and sacrifice contributed to the triumphant position now occupied by the forces of Society and Civic righteousness.

The work of education of the youth of the church as to the effects of the great evil of intemperance should be broadened and strengthened. Special attention should be paid to the temperance lesson in the Sunday School and temperance topics in our Christian Endeavor Societies, and we should put forth every effort in our power to counteract "the wet propaganda" which is being conducted by the daily press and by paid representatives of the outlawed liquor traffic.

A Resolution Concerning Law Enforcement In Connection With The Eighteenth Amendment And The Volstead Act.

Members of the Methodist Protestant Church from all sections of the United States where the Church is represented, look to this General Conference, now assembled at Tiffin, Ohio, to declare in unequivocal terms upon public questions which involve the moral and spiritual development of the American people. The question of the enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment of our Federal Constitution is one of supreme importance at this time. The American people, through the ways sanctioned by the Constitution and after long years of agitation, have written into the Constitution this Amendment. We believe it is the purpose of the American people to preserve this Amendment, notwithstanding the tremendous effort being made by those who favor the saloon to do away with it.

The Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives has under consideration the Volstead Act and several bills, which have been introduced to change the Act by permitting the sale of wine and beer containing 2.75% of alcohol by weight. A concerted movement is on hand to induce Congress to modify the Volstead Act; and modifying it in such a way as not only to weaken the Act, but really to destroy the Amendment itself.

The General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church desires to call the attention of Congress and the people generally to the fact that the Eighteenth Amendment registers the sober judgment of the American people and is not simply a piece of police regulation, but a principle of human government that must continue. The Great Lincoln declared that "no nation could endure half slave and half free"; and it has become the conviction of the Christian leadership of this nation that the nation could not exist, half drunk and half sober. The Eighteenth Amendment has this object in view, namely, the principle of sobriety, without which the American people would be seriously crippled in their development as a progressive and a Christian nation.

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Since the coming of prohibition our Institutions for higher education have been crowded as never before; our prosperity as a nation is the wonder of the world; our public schools and high schools have not been able to accommodate the increase of pupils. Not only has our material wealth increased, but statistics from the Federal Council of Churches show that the Church of Jesus Christ has taken on new life and more members have been received into the Protestant churches of America each year since National Prohibition than any previous year in the history of the churches in this country.

Today we hear the astounding doctrine that the passage of a law makes law violators; that if there was no 18th Amendment there would be no moonshiners or bootleggers, but we all know that the liquor traffic has never respected either the laws of God or the laws of the land. We regret that there are some so-called law abiding citizens who feel that they need not obey the Prohibition Law, but expect other laws to be respected and obeyed. This cannot be. All laws must be equally respected and obeyed or anarchy will ensue and constitutional government will fail. The bootlegger will not be able to sell his wares if there are no purchasers. We therefore call upon all lovers of our country not to become partners with the bootlegger, but to abide by and obey the laws of our land.

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The prohibition Amendment has been in force for four years and when we consider the moral revolution brought about by its enactment we are pleased beyond measure by the amount of respect it has received, but there is room for improvement. We recommend that in our various states we insist that no one shall be appointed to enforce the Prohibition Law who is not in sympathy with the law itself, and we recommend that the Civil Service Law shall apply to all such officials, and to that end we recommend the passage by Congress of the Crampton Law.

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tric washer. On the second floor there are fourteen bedrooms, two of them being double. There are all outside rooms and each of them is furnished with bed, dresser, wardrobe, rocking chair and rug. There are bath rooms on both floors. The home is heated by hot water, and is modern in every respect.

Rev. O. V. Sharrock and his wife were employed as Superintendent and Matron August 2, 1922, at \$1,000 a year, and have served the Home very faithfully since that time. Brother Sharrock has cultivated a large garden each year, thus saving a great expense by raising many things with which to furnish the table. He keeps a flock of chickens which provides the Home with eggs and poultry. Large quantities of beautiful flowers have been cultivated to make the Home attractive during both summer and winter.

We have nine residents at present beside the employed help. The oldest is in her eighty-ninth year and is almost blind; the next is in her eighty-fourth year; the next two are in their eighty-second year, and the ages of the others range from seventy-three to seventy-nine years. The fact, that with such an aged family there has been no occasion to call a doctor to the Home for ten months of the past year is a testimony to the care which is taken of these aged people.

During the last three years, in which the present apportionment of the budget has been in operation, the Home has received an average of \$963.46 per year, which would produce only \$3,853.84 for the entire quadrennium. It has cost \$19,924.29 to maintain the Home on a most economical basis during the past four years.

The expense during the next quadrennium will necessarily be greater than during the last because we have more residents and will require more help in the Home. In addition to this, there have been certain sources of income which have carried us through the past four years that cannot be expected during the next quadrennium. These items are as follows: Million Dollar Fund \$793.63; rent \$233.32; sales \$3,094.90; admission fees \$1,000.00; miscellaneous \$3,924.31, making a total of \$9,046.16. If we add to this \$2,700, which is a conservative estimate of the increase that will be required for maintenance and help over that of the last four years, it is readily seen that the Home will require at least \$11,746 more, or a total of \$17,000 from the budget during the next quadrennium. 1% of the present budget produced an average of \$936.46 per year for the last three years, which average would produce a total of \$3,853.84 for the quadrennium, out of a required \$19,924.29, therefore it is imperative that the Home be allowed at least 4% of a budget of \$500,000 during the next four years, if we are not to be forced to mortgage our property to care for the aged people already in the Home.

The Treasurer's report for the quadrennium is as follows:

Receipts from May 1, 1920, to April 30, 1924.

	1920-21	1921-22	1922-23	1923-24	Total
Budget	2,261.23	804.30	895.65	1,190.43	5,151.61
Special	463.78	269.77	117.21	33.82	884.58
Million Dollar Fund.....	664.08	100.71	15.65	13.19	793.63
Rent	42.50	84.82	76.00	30.00	233.32
Gifts	1,211.56	271.10	143.98	519.43	2,146.07
Sales	15.10	1,590.81	802.59	686.40	3,094.90
Admission Fees....	300.00	1,355.15	.....	1,000.00	2,655.15
Miscellaneous.....	38.28	2,670.74	967.70	245.59	3,924.31
	4,996.53	7,147.40	3,016.78	3,718.86	18,884.07

prescribed by the Volstead Act; for the reason that we consider that such a change would be a violation of the Eighteenth Amendment and would make the enforcement of that Amendment more difficult.

In the spirit of this resolution we call upon all members of the Methodist Protestant Church to do their full duty by standing behind the Eighteenth Amendment and the rigid enforcement of the Volstead Act. In these days of great anxiety for the Church and for the nation we offer the prayer that our people may exert their utmost influence in behalf of law enforcement, and it is therefore ordered that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

A. N. WARD,
H. L. ELDERDICE.
W. O. ATWOOD.

The following message was sent by this Committee under the order of the General Conference.

To the Judiciary Committee of the
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

The General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church assembled in Tiffin, Ohio, representing a constituency of over five hundred thousand, do hereby protest against the passage of any of the fifty-nine bills seeking to amend the Volstead Act by increasing the alcoholic content of permitted beverages, and we respectfully petition your honorable body to use your utmost efforts to prevent any change in the Volstead Act which will tend to weaken it, and we desire to express our faith and confidence in the members of the Congress who have so valiantly and nobly supported the cause of prohibition in that body and call upon them to continue to stand firm and steadfast in the protection of the present law which is the result of their loyal efforts.

(Signed) F. E. KUNSMAN, Chairman.

THE METHODIST PROTESTANT HOME FOR AGED

The report of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Protestant Home for Aged, West Lafayette, Ohio, from May first, 1920, to April thirtieth, 1924, is as follows:

During the past quadrennium we have completed remodeling Orchard Hall and now have a home for aged people of which the denomination may be proud. The Home is located on a slight elevation which overlooks the surrounding country for many miles. It would be difficult to find a more delightful climate than that which prevails at West Lafayette. As you approach the Home you are impressed with the spacious porch, located on the North side of the building. This porch will accommodate all the residents should they desire to use it at the same time. Entering the building you pass into the large central hall. On the left is the bath room, a large dining room, bright and cheery; back of this are the roomy kitchen and pantry. At the right of the hall is a large living room which is also used for family worship each morning and, like the dining room, is large enough to accommodate all the Home can house. Back of the living room are two smaller rooms which are the private apartments of the Superintendent and his wife. There is a large bright basement equipped with Delco lighting system, hot water plant, automatic pump, stationary tubs and elec-

To cash collected for lots sold.....	4,589.22
To cash received from estate of W. N. Brown.....	9,515.00
" " " " Estate of J. F. Brower.....	500.00
" " " " Estate of Mrs. Alice H. Gurry....	1,291.17
" " " " T. H. Murray, memorial to son	100.00
" " " " J. C. Bromfields S. S. for Dor- mitory	100.00
" " " " Worth Kilpatrick for Dormitory	1,000.00
" " " " H. C. Staley, Treas. Gen. Confer- ence Budget	6,261.73
" " " " Penny Bros., for Penny Bros. Dormitory	22,000.00
" " " " J. G. Cherry.....	500.00
" " " " Sunday School Sources Main- tenance	55,994.83
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	\$120,315.63

DISBURSEMENTS

By Cash for Maintenance.....	\$ 41,965.81
" " " land bought	24,290.41
" " " Penny Bros., Boys' Dormitory.....	44,109.02
" " " Services architect	1,082.25
" " " Furnishing Dormitory	2,736.14
" " " Permanent Improvements	5,582.77
" " " Incidentals	52.25
" " on hand Treasurer	496.98
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	\$120,315.63

We have bought 32 acres valuable land, built a steam laundry erected feed and stock barn, built Silo and an up to date Dormitory for boys. At this time we are building a swimming pool the cost of which is born principally by men not of our denomination. We have 79 children from 6 different states, and as the number of children increases our demands are greater and we ask a hearty co-operation of this General Conference in helping to make this a great power for good in the entire Methodist Protestant Church. We have assets something like \$225,000.00 and no liabilities.

Very respectfully submitted,

(Signed) A. M. RANKIN

Sec. and Treas., M. P. Children's Home.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INTER-DENOMINATIONAL CO-OPERATION

There was never a time in the history of the church when there was such wide spread enthusiasm and interest in co-operation along inter-denominational lines. This is evidenced not only by the proposed union of Methodism, the spirit of which has been endorsed by this Conference, but also by the enlarged activities and support of great inter-denominational movements. We declare again our faith in the fundamental principles of our church government which are sacred to us today as they were to our fathers. At the same time we commend the splendid spirit for union that has been evidenced at this Conference and has been expressed in the resolution sent to the General Conference of the Methodist

Amount in bank May 1, 1920.....	1,213.47
	<u>20,097.54</u>
Expenditures	19,924.29
	<u>173.25</u>
Cash on hand.....	

Disbursements from May 1, 1920, to April 30, 1924.

	1920-21	1921-22	1922-23	1923-24	Total
Salary.....	684.61	1,008.89	938.91	1,215.69	3,848.10
Maintenance.....	1,162.11	811.82	858.47	1,310.36	4,142.76
Interest	30.00	443.04	329.46	246.37	1,048.89
Paid on Loans.....		437.77	483.35	1,208.00	2,129.12
Insurance	45.00		77.57	168.75	291.32
Traveling Exp....	126.56	77.90	84.14	45.10	333.70
Improvements....	5,837.56	1,328.53			7,166.09
Physician		45.50	23.25	17.25	86.00
Miscellaneous.....	14.00	349.88	483.50	44.45	891.83
	<u>7,899.84</u>	<u>4,503.33</u>	<u>3,278.50</u>	<u>4,242.47</u>	<u>19,924.29</u>

We have a note in the bank for \$2,700 and a deed to a piece of property which will cover it.

State of Ohio, Coshocton Co., SS.

Russell C. Karr, being first duly sworn, states that he has audited the books of H. A. Sicker, Treasurer of the Methodist Protestant Home for Aged, and the appended statement is correct to the best of his knowledge.

RUSSELL C. KARR.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of May, 1924.

FRANK E. KARR, Notary Public.

It is needless to emphasize the worthiness of this cause. It is a service that should appeal to our strongest sympathies. There is nothing more pathetic than these aged people whose vitality is gone and who, in their helplessness, are absolutely dependent. Certainly this General Conference will make ample provision for these aged Christians and pledge itself that they shall not be forsaken to a cruel fate in their last days of helplessness.

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Trustees,

J. W. HAWLEY, President.
E. T. HOWE, Vice-President.
H. A. SICKER, Treasurer.
C. C. FALKENSTINE, Secretary.
M. R. STOVER.
E. W. SWAN.
S. K. ANKRIM.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

**Methodist Protestant Children's Home, From May 15, 1920,
to May 15, 1924.**

To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, Assembled at Tiffin, Ohio. May 10, 1924. The following report is respectfully submitted.

RECEIPTS

To cash in hands Treasurer May 15, 1920.....	\$ 420.28
To money in savings banks and Liberty bonds.....	18,043.40

filed with the Committee. After careful consideration the Committee does not consider the time opportune to accept the invitation of this church to enter into negotiations looking toward organic union.

We are filing herewith as a part of this report a statement of the international ideals of the churches of Christ in America and respectfully recommend that this Conference approve and adopt the said statement of ideals as the sense of our church regarding international relationships.

We have received a request from the Commission on International Justice and Good Will of the Federal Council of Churches for the appointment of a commission on International Good Will. We respectfully recommend that the work of such a commission can be done by the Executive Committee and that the Executive Committee be instructed and directed to co-operate with the Federal Council Commission looking toward the adoption of effective measures for the establishment of a system of international relations in accord with the mind of Christ.

We favor participation by our nation with other nations in the court of international justice, and the submission for judicial settlement of dispute; and the investigation, before a resort to arms, of all differences which cannot be adjudicated or arbitrated, reserving unto ourselves the right to determine whether or not and when we shall declare war. We pledge all of our energies to the outlawing of war and to the hastening of the day when the slaughter of human beings upon the battlefield is forever ended.

Resolved by the General Conference of Methodist Protestant Church that we do heartily endorse the participation of our nation with other nations in a world court of justice where matters of dispute between nations may be submitted for determination and adjudication in accordance with the highest ideals of international law. We indorse the arbitration of all international differences and the orderly settlement of the same upon the same high principles governing the judicial determination of disputes and differences between individuals in our own land. We hold it a national sin to resort to war unless every possible peaceful agency has first been employed and that a nation is never justified in a war of aggression.

We further endorse as a guarantee of peace a radical reduction in the military and naval armaments of the world and a limitation of armaments of all nations to such as may be necessary for the proper protection and defense of their respective territories and interests.

International Ideals of the Churches of Christ in America.

1. We believe that nations no less than individuals are subject to God's immutable moral laws.
2. We believe that nations achieve true welfare, greatness and honor only through just dealing and unselfish service.
3. We believe that nations that regard themselves as Christians have special international obligations.
4. We believe that the spirit of Christian brotherliness can remove every unjust barrier of trade, color, creed and race.
5. We believe that Christian patriotism demands the practice of good-will between nations.
6. We believe that international policies should never equal justice for all races.
7. We believe that all nations should associate themselves permanently for world peace and good-will.
8. We believe in international law, and in the universal use of international courts of justice and boards of arbitration.

odist Episcopal Church. We sincerely trust and believe that a day a united Methodism is very nearly at hand.

A letter from the Ecumenical Methodist Commission was filed with this Committee requesting that our denomination co-operate with the Ecumenical Methodist Continuation Committee and to that end further requested the confirmation by this Conference of the nomination of Dr. T. H. Lewis as a member of that Committee and further requesting an appropriation toward the expense of the Committee during the coming quadrennium. We respectfully recommend the appointment of Dr. Lewis as a member of the said Committee provided the Conference deem it wise to make an appropriation as requested. We think it would be embarrassing, however, to have a representative on the Committee unless some appropriation is made, and therefore leave the entire matter to the careful consideration of the Conference.

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America has requested the appointment of two officials to represent the denomination as members of the General Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains, together with an annual appropriation of \$100.00 for the work of the said Committee. This opens the whole subject of the relationship of the Church to the Federal Council. The last General Conference made provision for Federal Council expenses at the rate of \$250.00 per annum, but we now learn that membership in the council, including co-operation in its numerous Commissions, means an annual expenditure of \$2,000.00. We recognize the value of the Federal Council as a great agency of leadership and co-operation among the Christian denomination in the work of the Kingdom, and we believe it is wise for our church to be represented in its program as far as conditions will permit. In affiliating with the Federal Council we therefore recommend that the President of the General Conference have power to appoint such representatives or Committees as may be necessary, and that there may be no embarrassment in the calls that rise from time to time, we also recommend that the General Conference specifically state how far this co-operation shall go in the matter of expense. We recommend the appointment of Dr. T. H. Lewis as the Methodist Protestant representative on the Executive Committee on Recommendation of the Federal Council.

The appeal of the Near East Relief has long been before the Church. Through commendable inter-denominational co-operation a generation of Orphaned Children, saved from starvation and disease, are being trained in mind and hand, in character and religion, for self-support, good citizenship and future leadership. This is an international reconstruction and a practical missionary enterprise without secretarian propaganda, which should be continued during the tender years of the children and which should be extended to other helpless children as these arrive at the age and condition of self-support. We therefore commend the co-operation of pastors, Sunday School superintendents, editors and other officials and members of our churches and request that they continue their generous support as far as possible.

We commend the Aims of the Universal Christian Conference on life and work to be held at Stockholm, Sweden, in August, 1925, and believe that it would be well to have our denomination represented. However, owing to the large expense involved, we cannot recommend that our church send delegates.

A paper from the General Convention of the Christian Church of the United States and Canada touching on the desirability of calling a Conference to discuss the question of Christian Unity was

We believe that the desired results can be largely realized in the recommendation we have above made relative to promotional functions assigned to the Board Secretaries.

4. CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.—We heartily concur in the resolution to a Centennial Anniversary and recommend the adoption of the same. The paper is as follows:

"Whereas, The Methodist Protestant Church will have completed in 1928 an hundred years of independent history, and has achieved during this period worthy results in the cause of liberal Methodism and humanitarian progress; and

Whereas, We should acknowledge in a fitting manner the goodness of the Lord in leading us through the first century of our history without any wavering in the defense and preservation of our polity and principles, and with the constant joy of knowing that our Mutual-Rights Methodism, by its very testimony, has leavened and liberalized in some degree the whole lump of American Methodism, besides the vastly greater service of winning tens of thousands to Christ at home and abroad during these first generations of our existence; therefore

Resolved, First, That a suitable celebration of this notable event be arranged through a Committee of seven members who shall report a program for the occasion through official channels, the President of the General Conference to be the Chairman of the Committee.

Resolved, Second, That this General Conference calls upon the Church to signalize the completion of our first century of development and of service to mankind, by raising in full the two million dollars of the quadrennial budget for our Missionary and Educational interests, thus laying upon the altars of our sanctuaries at once a worthy memorial to the Fathers, and a pledge of fidelity to their faith by carrying forward the great cause they established in the earth."

5. With reference to the resolution on a membership goal. We recommend that this Conference set as a goal, to mark the end of our 100 years as a denomination, a net increase in membership of 20%, and further that the formation of such plans, as may be wise, looking to this goal be committed to the Budget Council to be in harmony with the other Forward Movement ideas and plans already delegated to said Council.

6. We recommend that the Assistant Secretary of this Conference be designated as "Statistical Secretary" and that to him be committed such duties as belong to such office.

7. Believing that for the sake of uniformity alone it would be desirable, but convinced that it tends to denominational efficiency in bringing the Church to a larger consciousness of its privileges and obligations in the local work of the Conference, we recommend:

That this General Conference earnestly request each Annual Conference, not now so directing its work, to elect a Traveling President for authority and supervision over the District. Further, that in such Conferences where the office of Traveling President seems prohibited because of financial limitations, the President of the General Conference be authorized, on the request of such Conference in his feeling that if we can succeed in consolidating our such an office, drawing upon the Contingent Fund as he may think wise, and securing resources elsewhere if he thinks it desirable and possible.

8. ITEMS OF THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT—

A—A closer denominational Fellowship.

We most heartily agree with the President of the General Conference in his feeling that if we can succeed in consolidating our membership in closer co-operation in the plans and methods in-

9. We believe in a sweeping reduction of armaments by all nations.

10. We believe in a warless world, and dedicate ourselves to its achievement.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) J. A. SELBY, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Brethren, your Committee submits the following:

We have considered the various papers referred to our committee and the recommendations herein represent our judgment relative thereto.

1. LADIES' AID SOCIETY CONSTITUTION.—Inasmuch as the Ladies' Aid Society is a local Church Auxiliary and hence its organization and purposes must largely depend upon local conditions, we deem it neither feasible nor desirable as a subject for General Conference legislation and recommend it be not adopted.

2. THE FORWARD MOVEMENT COMMISSION.—The Reports of both the Commission and the Secretary of the Forward Movement were duly considered. The Commission reported in summary the general plan for the Quadrennium. The Secretary's report details as to the methods used.

We believe that the conception of the Forward Movement Program was a fine one; that the General Conference of 1916 legislated wisely in the Creation of such a Commission for the specific purpose of stimulating the impulse for the Million Dollar Campaign and the Membership increase of 25% for that quadrennium.

We commend the Commission and Secretary for the work it did and are glad for all the results accomplished. Your Committee, however, believes that with the adoption of the Budget as at the last General Conference and the Commitment of same to the Budget Council by today's action, such a Commission and Office is not longer a necessary agency of the Church, and we therefore recommend:

(a) The discontinuance of said Commission.

(b) The abolition of the Office of Secretary of the Forward Movement. And we further recommend that such other Promotional Functions as would come under the purview of said Commission and Secretary be delegated to the Four General Boards of the Church, to be under the direction of the President of the General Conference.

That the President of the General Conference and the General Secretaries of the Church be authorized to formulate and project plans and submit said plans to the Annual Conferences looking to the dissemination of information and the creation of an impulse unto Stewardship-Tithing-Evangelism.

3. With reference to the paper submitted to us on Plan for Denominational Evangelism, while we are in thorough accord with the emphasis laid upon the significance of and necessity for an intensive study of Evangelistic methods and application of efforts throughout the church, yet we do not feel that it is either wise or practical at this Conference to create a Commission on Evangelism with a full-time Secretary, and therefore we do not concur in the resolution unto such end.

4. That we suggest to the President of the General Conference the forming of two or more contiguous Conferences into Areas, and propose to these area Districts that they shall select, if they so desire, a Group Leader, who, under the direction of the President of the General Conference and the Conference Presidents of each area, shall devote himself to a constructive development of the charges of the Conferences, looking toward church organization for full-time pastoral support and a larger appreciation of the General Interests. The aim of such oversight to be an intensive work throughout the areas.

5. We recommend that 1% of the Home Mission Budget be devoted for this purpose. Not that the 1% will be sufficient, but it will serve as a beginning for such a fund and encourage the Conferences forming such areas to contribute to said fund, and likewise be a challenge to other sections of our Church to add to such a fund when invited to do so.

6. We recommend that the President of the General Conference be the Trustee for holding and disbursing both the 2% of the Budget to be used for such supplemental salaries, and the 1% to be used for area oversight.

7. We further recommend that the President of the General Conference and the Executive Committee shall decide what Conferences shall participate in the supplemental salary disbursement; and that the President of the General Conference and the Conference Presidents shall determine what charges and pastors shall be entitled to supplements on salary.

8. We recommend that the President of the General Conference request the Annual Conference Presidents, and such area Leaders as shall be selected, to put into operation as soon as practicable the suggestions contained in the letter of the Commission to the pastors; especially these:

- 1—The Traveling President.
- 2—Church re-grouping.
- 3—Survey of strategic places.

Putting these suggestions into operation, will make possible the earliest realization of the ends sought in all the above recommendations.

C—Standing Committee on Our Itinerant Ministry.

We recommend that the President of the General Conference be authorized to appoint a Committee on Our Itinerant Ministry who shall be an Ad-Interim Committee, with the President as Chairman. This Committee shall further study the needs pertaining to this vital question, both from the viewpoint of our own fields and with relation to what other denominations are doing to solve this problem. The Committee shall work in connection with the above recommendations we have made, and shall present their findings at the next session of the General Conference.

These observations and recommendations are our findings upon the reports and papers referred to this Committee. We submit them to this Conference.

The challenge of the Kingdom is upon us. The acid test of service is touching the Church, and the Church must demonstrate the why. And the Methodist Protestant Church is undergoing its part in the testing. Methodist Protestantism can justify its place and part, not alone by proclaiming the polity of "Mutual Rights" in the realm of American Methodism, but rather by making our polity of Methodism serve only as a democratic method in Church government through which we can, the best way for us, most efficiently serve the Kingdom of our Christ and Lord.

augurated by this body we would very much increase our strength and efficiency. We therefore recommend.

1. That the President of the General Conference be directed to call during the second year of the Quadrennium a Joint Assembly of members of the General Boards, the heads of our institutions, and representatives from the Annual Conferences.

We believe that such boards, institutions and conferences should bear the expense of their representatives, but suggest that the financial phase relative to such an assembly be left to the direction of the President.

2. That the President shall assemble the Annual Conference Presidents the first and third years of the quadrennium in one Assembly if he deems it wise and desirable, and if this is not feasible that he call together the Presidents of contiguous conferences, and if this is the plan followed we suggest that at least three such meetings be arranged. And we call upon Conferences to rally to a full co-operation in such plan or plans.

B—Condition of Our Itinerant Ministry.

In addition to this item in the President's Report, your Committee has the Report of the Commission on the state of our Itinerancy. We have also the items from the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Home Missions. In addition there have appeared before us the Presidents of several of the Conferences most vitally touched by the part time pastorates.

We are impressed that it is the most serious problem challenging the thought of the Church. It will avail nothing that we consolidate Boards or do not consolidate; that we have one Church paper, or many Church papers; that we build or fail to build Colleges; if we shall fail to build a constituency with the spirit of Christian beneficence. And fail we shall unless we can command a leadership that can develop a growing responsiveness to the larger vision of the Kingdom and the call to give of self and substance in the building of that Kingdom.

We believe that the President of the General Conference has brought to light, for our earnest prayer and study, the primary cause, among many that may exist, that is retarding our growth.

We cannot hope to find, ready made at hand, a plan that will solve this problem at once, but we can believe there is a solution and pray and work that we shall ultimately find it. Your committee presents herewith eight recommendations; the first four were submitted by the Commission on the State of Our Itinerant Ministry, three of these we have modified somewhat, the fourth one changed as we believe to better meet the needs.

1. That the Board of Managers for the General Fund for Superannuates of the Methodist Protestant Church be authorized to take into special consideration the claims of those who give full time to the work of the ministry.

2. That \$600 be recognized as the minimum salary for the married pastor in the scheme for the establishment and extension of full-time service.

3. That 2% of the General Conference Budget be set aside, to be used to supplement salaries where the minimum basis cannot be reached. The amount received from this 2% to be disbursed by such agency as the General Conference may determine on the recommendation of the President of the Annual Conference. Provided that it be given only to full-time pastors and in such amounts as may be needed to reach the minimum salary, but in no instance to exceed \$100 in any one year. No appropriation whatever to be made to pastors receiving \$600 and more, and no charge to be allowed a supplement more than three successive years.

Board of Managers of the Home for the Aged at West Lafayette, Ohio—J. W. Hawley, E. T. Howe, M. R. Stover (pastor of West Lafayette Church), H. A. Sicker, W. E. Sankey, A. B. Jones.

J. C. WILLIAMS,
J. C. BROOMFIELD,
D. C. COBURN.
R. M. ANDREWS,
A. G. DIXON,
E. T. HOWE,
C. S. KIDD,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE FORWARD MOVEMENT COMMITTEE

To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church,
Tiffin, Ohio, May 21-30, 1924.

Dear Brethren:

Our authority for existence is found in a resolution adopted by the last General Conference and is found on pages 143 and 144 of the Journal of the last General Conference. This resolution reads as follows:

"1. We recommend that the President of the General Conference, as soon as is practicable after the adjournment of the Conference, call together in joint session the Boards of Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Education, and Young People's Work, together with the President and Secretary of the Woman's Home and Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, the three Editors, Presidents of our Colleges and the Theological Seminary, and also the Board that shall have charge of the proposed Relief Fund for Superannuated Ministers and the Presidents of the Annual Conferences. The purpose of said meeting shall be to formulate and agree upon plans whereby the goals provided for by this General Conference shall be attained.

2. We recommend that the above joint meeting shall elect from its own number and if deemed wise from the institutions sharing in the goals, but not directly represented in the joint meeting, a Forward Movement Committee, the size of which the joint meeting shall agree upon and of which the President of the General Conference shall be the Chairman. This Committee shall direct the activities of the Forward Movement Secretary as hereinafter provided for, shall determine his salary, the expenses of office and have complete supervision over the entire program under which the Secretary shall work, subject to review by the Executive Committee."

In carrying out the above resolution the Boards referred to above met in the North Baltimore Methodist Protestant Church June 30, 1920, and elected a Forward Movement Committee consisting of the following members: Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., ex-officio; Rev. J. O. Ledbetter, D. D.; Rev. L. F. Warner, D. D.; Rev. H. J. Hescott; Rev. J. E. Pritchard; Mrs. J. A. Gordon; Mrs. Henry Hupfield; Mr. H. A. Sicker; Mr. C. W. Waychoff and Mr. J. A. Pugh.

This committee together with the Executive Secretary, Rev. C. S. Johnson, D. D., has held meetings as often as it seemed necessary to the committee and plans have been entered into from time to time for the carrying out of the will of the last General Conference. In the hope of not going too far afield the Committee through its Executive Secretary has worked along four lines as follows:

Not less of mutual rights, but more of our common obligations!
 Not less for democracy, but more for the Kingdom!
 Not less of independence, but more of interdependence!

May the strangely warmed heart of Wesley be the common heritage of Methodism today, and God grant that the Methodist Protestant Church may share fully in such a heritage! The call comes to her children, of the North, the East, the West, the South, to bring their talents and resources and lay them on the Altar of our Christ, and in that consecrated pooling of our sacrifices find the blessing of leading and power for service in this our own day and generation.

Respectfully submitted,

G. I. HUMPHREYS, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Executive Committee—Rev. T. M. Johnson, Rev. S. W. Rosenberger, Rev. F. W. Lineberry, W. C. Scott, J. A. Pugh.

Foreign Missions—Rev. J. C. Broomfield, Rev. B. M. Mitchell, Rev. C. S. Kidd, J. Norman Wills, Roland Watts.

Home Missions—Rev. J. M. Sheridan, Rev. J. P. Turkelson, Rev. B. A. Brooks, H. A. Sicker, J. M. Millikan, Rev. J. C. Coons, M. L. Conaway. (The first five named to be the permanent board.)

Board of Education—Rev. G. I. Humphreys, Rev. J. E. Pritchard, Rev. E. T. Howe, H. M. Johnson, W. S. Walker, Rev. S. W. Rosenberger, J. W. Knott, T. W. Donoho, Lawrence Wood. (The first five named to be the permanent board.)

Young People's Board—Robert Rawsthorne, Jr., Rev. Roy I. Farmer, Rev. L. B. Smith, Rev. A. G. Dixon, A. C. Rogers.

Board of Publication—President, Rev. G. W. Haddaway; Secretary, Rev. E. S. Hawkins.

Pittsburgh Directory—A. M. Lyons, Harry Walker, Clarence Millar, Rev. F. L. Brown, Rev. E. S. Hawkins.

Baltimore Directory—John H. Baker, G. K. Mather, H. A. Abbott, Rev. G. W. Haddaway, Rev. R. F. Day.

Managers of General Fund for Superannuates—R. H. Brooks, T. A. Murray, Rev. R. E. Games, Rev. Ivan Howland, Rev. E. J. Headley, C. P. Ryan, E. S. Van Lear. (The first five named to be the permanent board.)

Executive Committee of the W. F. M. S.—Mrs. Henry Hupfield, Mrs. C. E. Wilbur, Mrs. Lida K. East, Mrs. W. M. Sturgeon, Mrs. E. B. McRoberts, Mrs. Clyde Barbe, Mrs. Andrew Lester, Mrs. S. W. Rosenberger, Mrs. P. W. Downs, Mrs. C. W. Waychoff, Mrs. T. R. Matthews, Mrs. J. C. Ball, Mrs. S. W. Criss.

The five members chosen from the Executive Committee to serve on the Union Board of Foreign Missionary Administration—Mrs. Henry Hupfield, Mrs. W. M. Sturgeon, Mrs. Lida K. East, Mrs. Andrew Lester, Mrs. S. W. Rosenberger, Mrs. W. E. Pettet.

Executive Committee of the W. H. M. S.—Mrs. A. G. Dixon, Mrs. Henry Hupfield, Mrs. Jane Gordon, Mrs. W. C. Hammer, Mrs. E. A. Craig, Mrs. H. E. Risler, Mrs. A. P. Badger, Mrs. W. B. Gilligan, Mrs. Edwin J. Heath, Mrs. John Feth, Mrs. W. P. Roberts, Mrs. J. A. Rhodes.

Denominational Trustee of the United Society of Christian Endeavor—Rev. G. W. Haddaway.

My office was closed in Pittsburgh following the General Conference of 1920 and relocated in St. Joe, Indiana. In September, 1923, I moved my office to Pittsburgh to be associated with my colleagues, the secretaries of the boards, who, with Dr. Lewis as chairman, had formed themselves into a committee to conduct the budget campaign for the rest of the quadrennium.

A sub-committee of the Forward Movement Committee met in Baltimore, July 7, 1920. Meetings of the committee have been held December 16, 1920, May 19, 1922, and May 15, 1923. I have attended all of these meetings and presented suggestions regarding the work committed to us, most of which were adopted. The principles and policies agreed upon I have carried out to the best of my ability under existing circumstances. By personal visitation, by correspondence, by writings in the church papers, by the preparation and circulation of a limited amount of literature, I have tried to induce pastors, churches and annual conferences to adopt and work our plans.

Our program for the present quadrennium does not vary greatly in its essential principles from that of the previous one. However, the General Conference did not speak directly and positively as to a specific plan, nor provide adequate machinery for carrying out so extensive a program, as it did in the first instance. We were limited to such co-operation from the conferences and churches as we were able to secure through an appeal that was in many instances regarded as personal and advisory. We have presented our plans and asked the conferences to adopt and work them, and where this has been done, the results have been encouraging.

Our plans have had to do with the underlying principles upon which the \$500,000 budget is predicated.

We have tried to get the church to see that \$500,000 a year is a fair sum to expect our people to pay for our world-wide service through our general boards and institutions.

We have tried to get our people to adopt the principle of Stewardship—that our lives and property belong to God and should be administered as a sacred trust; that a definite proportion of our income should be set aside for the work of the church, and that the ratio should be according to one's income, beginning with the tithe as the minimum.

We have tried to induce churches to adopt the plan of budgeting their financial obligations for the year, including the general interest apportionments both for the General and Annual Conference, and provide for their systematic payment week by week during the year, on the plan of the Every Member Canvass.

We did not lose sight of the vital relation of evangelism and prayer to our financial program. We began the quadrennium with plans connecting up with the program of the Evangelistic Commission of the Federal Council, continuing the relation that was sustained during the Increase Campaign of the preceeding four years, but this was not stressed for the lack of facilities for promoting it, and our relation to the Commission on Evangelism of the Federal Council was found to have been discontinued.

Our work has been most largely of an educational character. There is no way of ascertaining all the results. We have not reached the goal of \$500,000 a year, nor anything like it. The Treasurer's report will show. If we had had a great financial drive and succeeded in raising \$2,000,000 during the four years, our boards and institutions would have been able to do a great service they have been kept from doing through lack of funds, but the

1. **THE BUDGET IN FULL IN EVERY CONFERENCE.**—Believing that it was the will of the Church that the Budget should be raised rather than that we should undertake anything else of a financial nature we have endeavored to convince the Annual Conferences of the importance of raising the Budget in full. Our Executive Secretary has visited as many of the Annual Conferences as possible and has laid the matter upon their hearts. In so far as possible we have tried to work through the Forward Movement Committees of the various Annual Conferences. Group meetings have been held in a number of the Conferences and publicity has been given the campaigns through the Church papers. How well the campaigns have succeeded as a whole, the figures of the General Church Treasurer will tell.

2. **EVANGELISM.**—Our second great objective has been along the line of Evangelism. Through our Secretary we have co-operated with the Evangelistic department of the Federal Council of Churches in promoting the Pre-Easter Campaign in all the churches. This work has been stressed in the Church papers and by literature sent direct to the pastors.

3. **TITHING AND STEWARDSHIP.**—Believing that Tithing and Stewardship go hand in hand and that these will solve most of the financial problems of the Church, we have endeavored to impress their importance upon the people who make up our constituency. This campaign has also been carried on through the Church papers and by tithing literature sent to pastors. Wherever it has been possible we have had addresses on the subjects and have endeavored to get people to enroll as tithers.

4. **HELPING THE CHURCH FIND ITSELF.**—In order to know what we were and what we had we have endeavored through our Secretary to gather such statistics as would throw light upon this important subject. Of course, every one realizes the disadvantages of work of this kind inasmuch as the blanks used by the Conference are not all alike and some Conferences do not furnish information which we would naturally want, however, in so far as possible this work has been carefully looked after.

T. H. LEWIS, Chairman.

J. E. PRITCHARD, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE FORWARD MOVEMENT SECRETARY

To the General Conference.

The report of the Forward Movement Committee was prepared by its Secretary, Rev. J. E. Pritchard, and appears elsewhere. You will also expect me to report as your Forward Movement Secretary.

During the first quadrennium I worked under the Forward Movement Commission, elected by the General Conference. During this quadrennium my direction has been from a Forward Movement Committee, chosen by a joint-meeting of the Boards called soon after the adjournment of the General Conference, to consider plans for the attainment of the goals provided by the General Conference. The principal goal was the raising of \$500,000 a year for the boards and institutions of the general church. By Conference action, the President of the General Conference, Dr. T. H. Lewis, was chairman of this committee. The other members chosen were: Rev. J. E. Pritchard, Dr. L. F. Warner, Rev. H. J. Hescott, Messrs. H. A. Sicker, C. W. Waychoff, J. A. Pugh, Mrs. Henry Hupfield and Mrs. Jane A. Gordon.

tinue. General Conference, in my judgment, should formulate a definite program of stewardship and budget promotion and charge a committee with the task of projecting it. This committee should be composed, in part at least, of the general secretaries, who by reason of their direct and vital interest are best situated to give the matter their constant attention and co-operative effort. The secretaries formed themselves into a Budget Promotion Committee last August. Campaigns under their direction have been conducted in Ohio and Indiana, in conjunction with the Conference authorities with gratifying results.

There should be created a department of stewardship and finance, or stewardship and promotion, or call it what you will, that should promote the program adopted by the General Conference. It should be composed of the President of the General Conference, the Secretaries of the Boards, the Church Treasurer and an Executive Secretary. The matter of assigning budget apportionments should be worked out by this committee on an arithmetical basis upon factors predetermined by the Conference, such as membership, property valuation, local expenses, and pastoral support. The matter of gathering statistics should be referred to this committee and the publication of a Year Book containing statistical reports and a review of the progress of the church in every Conference.

CRATES S. JOHNSON.

The following report was not adopted, but was ordered printed in the Journal:

To the General Conference:

Your Finance Committee herewith submits its report on the Outline of Reorganization offered by J. H. Straughn and sent to your committee. We have carefully considered the name and recommend its adoption with certain changes and additions as incorporated therein:

An Outline of Reorganization.

This outline proposes the complete reorganization of the administration of our church affairs, with one directing central board instead of six at present; with four general administrative or field representatives instead of six as at present; with one general headquarters.

1. That the General Conference set up a General Executive Board of fifteen members, seven ministers, seven laymen with the President of the General Conference the fifteenth member, participating in all respects and president of the Board. The General Conference shall elect a Nomination Committee of five, who shall place in nomination fourteen members of the General Executive Board and submit their list to the General Conference for decision. The membership of this Board shall as far as practicable be geographically representative.

2. That this General Executive Board shall meet as soon as possible after the rise of the General Conference and shall become incorporated. It shall receive and hold in trust all the invested funds now in the possession of the Boards forming this combination, as hereinafter mentioned, and becoming in all respects their legal and administrative successors.

3. That the Board of Foreign Missions, the Board of Home Missions, the Board of Education, the Board of Young People's Work, the Forward Movement Committee and the Executive Committee shall transfer to this said General Executive Board all their interests, financial and otherwise, their functions and prerogative, the same to be administered by the said General Executive Board.

example would be bad if it taught the churches to depend upon high-pressure methods to secure what ought to be the normal, natural expression of their interest. We must not overlook the fact that the true measure of our success is the knowledge our people have and their interest in our work and the extent to which they are willing to go in the practice of stewardship, which after all is the primary basic principle underlying the proper financing of the church's program.

Viewing the results from this standpoint, there is reason for encouragement. Our churches are receiving a training in stewardship as never before through the preaching of the pastors, the use of stewardship literature, the enrollment of tithers, the forming of conference tithers leagues, and the adoption of the every-member plan, and some of the results of this training are reflected in the reports of money paid for both local and general interests, which show a gradual increase from year to year.

During this quadrennium, Ohio and Pittsburgh conferences have instituted stewardship leagues of their own. Other conferences have had theirs. Special tours have been conducted in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, to lay these matters before the people, and the response has been gratifying. A few conferences have undertaken campaigns of their own along these lines, and our committee has lent such help as was desired or possible. We have not only visited conferences and various groups, but have assisted local churches in putting on the every-member canvass. Our denominational Tither's League instituted in the last quadrennium has been continued and new names added.

We have been helped materially in our stewardship campaign by the Layman Company, 35 Dearborn St., N., Chicago, whose eagerness to co-operate with us in making it possible for us to purchase their tithing literature at a nominal price and in other ways has been an inspiration.

The cost of the work for this quadrennium, for which vouchers have been issued and paid, is as follows:

Secretary's Salary	\$11,750.00
Travel	1,897.71
Office Expense	923.04
Stenographer's Salary	2,036.00
Travel of Committee Members.....	438.57
Printing	1,321.20
Miscellaneous	133.75
Total	\$18,499.27

Personally, I feel that the forward movement should be continued as a permanent feature of our denominational work. We have scarcely begun the educational process that will be necessary if we are ever to get away from low average of beneficence and our prevalent protest against the budget requirements. Our total gifts for all purposes for 1923 was a fraction over 41.6% of the tithe of our income, based upon a yearly per capita of \$1 a day, which is far less than the Government estimate.

This average should be materially increased, not only because a program worthy of us as a church will require it, but because it will be a means of grace to our people if we can induce them to come up to the higher standard.

The fact that a growing number of our churches are getting a vision of the meaning and importance of our work carried on through our general agencies and are willing to adopt the every-member plan for paying the entire budget of the church as its wisdom is demonstrated convinces me that this work should con-

16. It seems highly desirable that the two Women's Missionary Societies shall be parties to this general merger of the general activities of the denomination and would simplify many of the present problems confronting them and the church. If therefor they are agreeable to participation in this merger on the same conditions as that imposed on the other bodies as above specified, that the Women's Foreign Missionary Society and the Women's Home Missionary Society become an integral part of this reorganization. They shall have representation on this General Board of four members, two for each Society, on nomination of their respective Societies and election by the General Conference, automatically reducing the remaining membership on the General Board to five ministers and five laymen.

Further, that in order to bridge the present emergency the Nomination Committee is instructed to nominate only five ministers and five laymen, leaving four vacancies to be filled by nomination of the Women's Societies and election by the remaining members of the General Board. In the event the Women's Societies do not make known their decisions on or before July 1, 1924, to enter this merger, the remaining members of the General Board shall elect four members, two ministers, two laymen, to the Board to fill said vacancies.

17. For such reorganization the following is an estimated budget based on present expenditures; but all these and other items except salaries shall be at the discretion of the Board:

Estimated Budget for the General Executive Board

1.	President, Salary	\$ 5,000.00	
	" Expense	1,000.00	
			\$ 6,000.00
2.	General Secretary (1), Salary.....	3,000.00	
	" " Travel Expense.....	1,000.00	
			4,000.00
3.	General Secretary (2), Salary.....	3,000.00	
	" " Travel Expense.....	1,000.00	
			4,000.00
4.	General Secretary (3), Salary.....	3,000.00	
	" " Travel Expense.....	1,000.00	
			4,000.00
5.	Treasurer, Miscellaneous Exp.....	1,000.00	
6.	Two Stenographers, \$1,200 each.....	2,400.00	
7.	One Bookkeeper	1,200.00	
8.	Board Meetings	1,000.00	
9.	Office Rent	1,000.00	
10.	4 Special Day programs, \$1,800 each.....	7,200.00	
11.	Miscellaneous, Supplies, etc.....	5,000.00	
	Total General estimated expense.....		\$36,800.00

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. H. STRAUGHN, Chairman,
D. L. CUSTIS, Secretary,
J. A. WADE,
S. W. TAYLOR,
J. H. BAKER,
C. P. RYAN,
NAT. WILLIAMSON,
The Finance Committee.

4. The said General Executive Board, on receipt of all funds and holdings, invested and current, as above stipulated, shall administer the same in accordance with their present intent; that is to say, all invested funds, all moneys held for special purposes shall continue to be held in such trust and so administered. All current funds as provided in the General Conference Budget shall be expended and applied as stipulated in said Budget.

5. That the Boards participating in this reorganization shall be continued for such time and purpose as may be required to carry into effect the provisions of this merger, viz: the transference of all holdings to the General Executive Board. Provided, that in no case shall the interval continue beyond December 31, 1924.

Further, that the present Secretaries of the Board of Foreign Missions, the Board of Home Missions, the Board of Education and the Board of Young People's Work shall continue in office until August 1, 1924.

6 The General Conference shall elect three General Secretaries for whole time service, who shall be amenable to and the active agents of, but not members of, the General Executive Board, and who shall assume office August 1, 1924.

7. The office of Treasurer shall be continued as at present defined in the Book of Discipline.

8. The General Executive Board shall make a distribution and assignment of office, function and authority among the three general secretaries, so that the interests of the denomination may be adequately covered.

9. The General Executive Board shall hold annual meetings, and at the discretion of the Board, semi-annual meetings.

10. The work of the Board shall be broken into departments corresponding to the activities of the Boards forming this reorganization; Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Education, Young People's Work Executive Committee, by the designation of three members of this Board to each of the five departments, who shall be charged with the immediate interests concerning the various departments and the program of the Church as laid down by the General Conference.

11. The General Executive Board shall be charged with all the promotional features of the General Conference Budget and it shall be their particular duty and responsibility to carry the budget to the entire church by such educational and inspirational efforts as may awaken enthusiasm and support.

12. That further details of administration and of plan shall develop with the meetings of the Board which shall have full authority within the limits now existing among the various participating agencies as hereinbefore mentioned.

13. That the Board shall have one general headquarters selected by the Board, where offices, stenographic and bookkeeping facilities may be shared. The Treasurer of the General Conference shall likewise occupy this headquarters.

14. The Board shall have authority to fill all vacancies in the membership of this Board occasioned by death or resignation.

15. That no immediate revisions in the Discipline affecting this reorganization be made at this General Conference, but that in all respects and particulars this reorganization shall take precedence and preference over whatever duties, responsibilities, powers and authority now invest in the various Boards and Agencies participating in this reorganization.

Further, that whatever revision may be necessary in the Book of Discipline shall be made and reported to the next session of the General Conference by the said General Executive Board for ratification.

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